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RESOLUTION 56/210 B

Adopted at the 107th plenary meeting, on 9 July 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.81 and Add.1, sponsored by: Andorra, Australia, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America, Venezuela

56/210. International Conference on Financing for Development

B¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/205 of 20 December 1991, 48/187 of 21 December 1993, 50/93 of 20 December 1995, 52/179 of 18 December 1997, 53/173 of 15 December 1998, 54/196 of 22 December 1999 and 55/213 of 20 December 2000 on the high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development,

Recalling also its resolutions 55/245 A of 21 March 2001 and 55/245 B of 25 July 2001 on convening the International Conference on Financing for Development, in which it accepted the offer of Mexico to host the Conference and decided that the Conference would be held in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002,

Recalling further its resolution 56/210 A of 21 December 2001 on the International Conference on Financing for Development, in which it stressed the importance of continued substantive consideration of the item on financing for development,

1. Expresses its profound gratitude to the Government of Mexico for having made it possible for the International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in Monterrey and for the support placed at the disposal of the Conference;

2. Takes note of the report of the Conference;²

3. Endorses the Monterrey Consensus³ as adopted by the Conference on 22 March 2002;

4. Stresses the importance of keeping fully engaged, nationally, regionally and internationally, ensuring proper follow-up to the implementation of agreements and commitments reached at the Conference, and continuing to build bridges between development, finance, and trade

organizations and initiatives, within the framework of the holistic agenda of the Conference;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the outcome of the Conference, as mandated in paragraph 3 of its resolution 56/210 A, measures taken as well as his proposals for ensuring effective secretariat support, in pursuance of paragraph 72 of the Monterrey Consensus, building on the innovative and participatory modalities and related coordination arrangements utilized in the preparations of the Conference.

RESOLUTION 56/258

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 31 January 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.68/Rev.1, sponsored by: Iran (Islamic Republic of), Venezuela

56/258. Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, entitled "United Nations Millennium Declaration", in particular paragraph 20 of the Declaration, the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Economic and Social Council,⁴ agreed conclusions 2001/1 of the coordination segment of the substantive session of 2001 of the Council,⁵ and other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also its resolution 56/183 of 21 December 2001, in which it welcomed the fact that the World Summit on the Information Society would be held in December 2003 in Geneva and in December 2005 in Tunis,

Recognizing that information and communication technologies are among the critical determinants for creating a global knowledge-based economy, accelerating growth, raising competitiveness, promoting sustainable development, eradicating poverty and facilitating the effective integration of all countries into the global economy,

Recognizing also that the information and communication technologies revolution poses opportunities and challenges, and that there is a pressing need to address the major impediments to the participation of the developing countries in that revolution, such as lack of infrastructure, education, capacity-building, investment and connectivity,

Mindful that market forces and the role of the private sector are fundamental, but that they alone will not suffice to

¹ Consequently, resolution 56/210, in section IV of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49 and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I) Corr.1)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 56/210 A.

² A/CONF.1/8/11.

³ *Ibid.*, chap. I, resolution I, annex.

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/55/3/Rev.1)*, chap. III, para. 17.

⁵ A/56/3, chap. V, para. 7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3*.

bridge the digital divide and to promote digital opportunities, and convinced that partnerships involving Governments, multilateral development institutions, bilateral donors, the private sector, civil society and other relevant stakeholders will play a key role in bridging the divide,

Convinced that the United Nations system should play a leadership role in promoting synergies and coherence of all efforts directed at expanding the development impact of information and communication technologies,

Welcoming the fact that the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force was launched on 20 November 2001, and fully convinced that the Task Force will play an important role in harnessing the power of information and communication technologies for advancing the internationally agreed development goals,

Welcoming also the fact that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2001/24 of 26 July 2001, extended the mandate of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics until 31 December 2002,

1. *Decides* to convene a Meeting of the General Assembly consisting of three plenary meetings devoted to bridging the digital divide and promoting digital opportunities in the emerging information society during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly; the Meeting will address the digital divide in the context of globalization and the development process and promote coherence and synergies between various regional and international information and communication technologies initiatives, including, inter alia, the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force and the Digital Opportunities Task Force; the participation of all relevant organizations will be encouraged;

2. *Also decides* that, parallel to the plenary meetings, separate informal panels will be organized that will include the participation of non-governmental organizations, academia and the business sector;

3. *Stresses* that the Meeting shall be prepared and organized in a manner that will assist Governments and all the relevant partners in their preparations for the two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society, to be held in December 2003 and December 2005, and their preparatory processes;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to make proposals in consultation with Member States, for consideration by the Assembly, on the themes of the informal panels;

5. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to make proposals, in consultation with all Member States, for consideration by the Assembly, on the representatives of non-governmental organizations, academia and the business sector who will be invited to participate in the informal panels, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical

representation, relevant expertise and the need to obtain the perspective of developing countries;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary administrative and organizational support for the preparation of the Meeting;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Information and communication technologies for development".

RESOLUTION 56/259

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 31 January 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.71, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

56/259. Schedule for the plenary meetings and round tables of the special session of the General Assembly on children

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/26 of 20 November 2000, in which it decided to convene the special session of the General Assembly for follow-up to the World Summit for Children from 19 to 21 September 2001, and to refer to it as the "special session on children",

Recalling also its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, by which it decided to postpone the special session on children until a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session,

Recalling further its resolution 56/222 of 24 December 2001, in which it decided to convene the special session on children from 8 to 10 May 2002,

Recalling its resolution 55/276 of 22 June 2001, in which it decided:

(a) That the special session on children would include three interactive round-table sessions,

(b) To adopt the organizational arrangements set out in the annex to resolution 55/276,

(c) That these arrangements would in no way create a precedent for other special sessions,

Noting that paragraph 12 of the draft decision on the organizational arrangements for the special session on children, recommended by the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children for adoption by the Assembly at its twenty-seventh special session⁶ indicated that six plenary meetings were to be held from Wednesday,

⁶ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Special Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/S-27/2), chap. VI, sect. B, para. 25, draft decision II.

19 September, to Friday, 21 September 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily,

Noting also that, in paragraph 1 of the annex to resolution 55/276, it decided that the round tables would be held on Wednesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 September 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Decides that the plenary meetings and the round tables of the special session of the General Assembly on children shall be held according to the schedules set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

Annex

1. The six plenary meetings of the special session of the General Assembly on children shall be held as follows:

Wednesday, 8 May 2002, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, 9 May 2002, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, 10 May 2002, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

2. The round tables for the special session on children shall be held as follows:

Round table 1: Wednesday, 8 May 2002, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Round table 2: Thursday, 9 May 2002, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Round table 3: Friday, 10 May 2002, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RESOLUTION 56/260

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 31 January 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.69, recommended by the Economic and Social Council

56/260. Terms of reference for the negotiation of an international legal instrument against corruption

The General Assembly,

Concerned at the seriousness of problems posed by corruption, which may endanger the stability and security of societies, undermine the values of democracy and morality and jeopardize social, economic and political development,

Recalling its resolution 51/59 of 12 December 1996, by which it adopted the International Code of Conduct for Public Officials and recommended the Code to Member States as a tool to guide their efforts against corruption,

Recalling also its resolution 51/191 of 16 December 1996, by which it adopted the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions,

Recalling further its resolution 55/61 of 4 December 2000, in which it established an ad hoc committee for the negotiation of an effective international legal instrument against corruption, and requested the Secretary-General to convene an intergovernmental open-ended expert group to examine and prepare draft terms of reference for the negotiation of such an instrument,

Recalling its resolution 55/188 of 20 December 2000, in which it invited the Intergovernmental Open-Ended Expert Group to Prepare Draft Terms of Reference for the Negotiation of an International Legal Instrument against Corruption, convened pursuant to resolution 55/61, to examine the question of illegally transferred funds and the return of such funds to the country of origin,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/13 of 24 July 2001, entitled "Strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating the transfer of funds of illicit origin, derived from acts of corruption, including the laundering of funds, and in returning such funds",

Reiterating the need to prepare a broad and effective international legal instrument against corruption,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on existing international legal instruments, recommendations and other documents addressing corruption,⁷ submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its tenth session and before the meeting of the Intergovernmental Open-Ended Expert Group,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Intergovernmental Open-Ended Expert Group to Prepare Draft Terms of Reference for the Negotiation of an International Legal Instrument against Corruption which met in Vienna from 30 July to 3 August 2001,⁸ as endorsed by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its resumed tenth session and by the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/61, shall negotiate a broad and effective convention which, subject to the final determination of its title, shall be referred to as the "United Nations Convention against Corruption";

3. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Committee, in developing the draft convention, to adopt a comprehensive and

⁷ E/CN.15/2001/3 and Corr.1.

⁸ A/AC.260/2 and Corr.1.

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multidisciplinary approach and to consider, *inter alia*, the following indicative elements: definitions; scope; protection of sovereignty; preventive measures; criminalization; sanctions and remedies; confiscation and seizure; jurisdiction; liability of legal persons; protection of witnesses and victims; promoting and strengthening international cooperation; preventing and combating the transfer of funds of illicit origin derived from acts of corruption, including the laundering of funds, and returning such funds; technical assistance; collection, exchange and analysis of information; and mechanisms for monitoring implementation;

4. *Invites* the Ad Hoc Committee to draw on the report of the Intergovernmental Open-Ended Expert Group, on the report of the Secretary-General,⁹ as well as on the relevant parts of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its tenth session,⁹ and in particular on paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/13, as resource materials in the accomplishment of its tasks;

5. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Committee to take into consideration existing international legal instruments against corruption and, whenever relevant, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;¹⁰

6. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall be convened in Vienna in 2002 and 2003, as required, and shall hold no fewer than three sessions of two weeks each per year, within the overall approved appropriations of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003, according to a schedule to be drawn up by its bureau, and requests the Committee to complete its work by the end of 2003;

7. *Also decides* that the bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be elected by the Committee itself and shall consist of two representatives from each of the five regional groups;

8. *Invites* donor countries to assist the United Nations in ensuring the full and effective participation of developing countries, in particular least developed countries, in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, including by covering travel and local expenses;

9. *Urges* States to be fully involved in the negotiation of the convention and to endeavour to ensure continuity in their representation;

10. *Invites* the Ad Hoc Committee to take into consideration the contributions of non-governmental organizations and civil society, in accordance with United Nations rules and following the practice established by the Ad

Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

11. *Accepts with gratitude* the offer of the Government of Argentina to host an informal preparatory meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee prior to its first session;

12. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Committee to submit progress reports on its work to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eleventh and twelfth sessions, in 2002 and 2003, respectively;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Ad Hoc Committee with the necessary facilities and resources to support its work.

RESOLUTION 56/261

Adopted at the 93rd plenary meeting, on 31 January 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.70, recommended by the Economic and Social Council

56/261. Plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/59 of 4 December 2000, in which it endorsed the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, adopted by the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Noting that, in paragraph 29 of the Vienna Declaration, the Tenth Congress invited the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to design specific measures for the implementation of and follow-up to the commitments undertaken in the Declaration,

Recalling that, in its resolution 55/60 of 4 December 2000, it urged Governments, in their efforts to prevent and combat crime, to be guided by the results of the Tenth Congress, and requested the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, draft plans of action for the implementation of and follow-up to the commitments undertaken in the Vienna Declaration for consideration and action by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its tenth session,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century,¹¹ which are contained in the annex to the present resolution;

⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 10 (E/2001/30/Rev.1).

¹⁰ Resolution 55/25, annex I.

¹¹ Resolution 55/59, annex.

2. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its ninth and tenth sessions on the preparation of the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the widest possible circulation of the plans of action;

4. *Invites* Governments to consider carefully and use, as appropriate, the plans of action as a guide in their efforts to formulate legislation, policies and programmes in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, for the purpose of implementing and following up on the commitments undertaken in the Vienna Declaration;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to consider carefully and implement, as appropriate, the plans of action as a guide in developing policies and programmes in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, in accordance with the medium-term plans and the programme budgets, and subject to available resources;

6. *Invites* the Secretariat to discuss with the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network their possible contribution to the implementation of the plans of action, under the coordination of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

7. *Invites* Member States and regional and international institutions, including financial institutions, to strengthen the Programme further through sustained funding and other technical support activities in order to assist interested States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, as appropriate;

8. *Invites* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to follow up the implementation of the plans of action and to make any recommendations as appropriate.

Annex

Plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century

I. Action against transnational organized crime

1. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 10 of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century¹¹ and to facilitate the signature, ratification, entry into force and progressive implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized

Crime and the protocols thereto,¹² the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

2. States that have not signed the Convention and the protocols thereto should do so as soon as possible, and States that have signed those legal instruments should make every effort to ratify them as soon as possible. Each State will set priorities for the effective implementation of the Convention and the protocols thereto and will proceed as appropriate and as expeditiously as possible until all provisions of all of those legal instruments are in full force and operation. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) The development of legislation creating or strengthening sanctions, investigative powers, criminal procedures and other matters;

(b) Capacity-building, including for the purpose of cooperation, through the strengthening of crime prevention and criminal justice systems, and the establishment or expansion of agencies responsible for the prevention, detection and control of transnational organized crime;

(c) The establishment or improvement of training programmes for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel and other individuals or agencies responsible for the prevention, detection and control of transnational organized crime;

(d) The development and sharing of information and analytical expertise on methods and activities and general trends in organized crime and on the identities, whereabouts and activities of specific individuals or groups suspected of involvement in organized crime, to the extent consistent with national laws and international agreements and arrangements;

(e) The general promotion of effective crime control strategies.

3. States will also endeavour, as appropriate:

(a) To support the efforts of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat to promote ratification of the Convention and the protocols thereto through regional seminars and provide pre- and post-ratification assistance to signatory States by providing financial contributions, expertise and/or other forms of assistance;

(b) To increase in a sustained manner their overall level of extrabudgetary contributions and strengthen and broaden the donor base of the Centre in order to ensure the availability of adequate material and technical resources for projects in support

¹² Resolution 55/25, annexes I to III.

of the Convention and the protocols thereto, as well as other projects and programmes;

(c) To strengthen international cooperation in order to create a conducive environment for the fight against organized crime, for promoting growth and sustainable development and eradicating poverty and unemployment.

B. International actions

4. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Organize high-level seminars to increase awareness of the Convention and the protocols thereto on the part of States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other key groups or individuals;

(b) Assist States in the development of legislation and regulations and provide other expertise or technical cooperation to facilitate the ratification and implementation of the legal instruments, on request;

(c) Assist States in the establishment or intensification of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the areas covered by the Convention, in particular those involving the use of modern communication technologies, on request;

(d) Carry out the regular collection and analysis of data on transnational organized crime, in consultation with interested States;

(e) Maintain a database to permit a more comprehensive in-depth analysis of patterns and trends and geographical mapping of the strategies and activities carried out by organized criminal groups, and of best practices to combat transnational organized crime, in consultation with interested States;

(f) Maintain a database of relevant national legislation;

(g) Support the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in the development of rules and procedures for the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

(h) Provide secretariat and general support to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

II. Action against corruption

5. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 16 of the Vienna Declaration to develop an effective international legal instrument against corruption and to develop and implement other measures and programmes to prevent and combat corruption, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

6. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Full participation in sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/61 of 4 December 2000;

(b) Promoting the full and effective participation of developing countries, in particular least developed countries, in the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Committee; this may be done through the provision of extrabudgetary resources to the Centre for International Crime Prevention;

(c) Making efforts to finalize the future United Nations convention against corruption by the end of 2003, taking into consideration existing legal instruments against corruption and, whenever relevant, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

(d) Commencing, when appropriate, the development of domestic legislative, administrative and other measures to facilitate the ratification and effective implementation of the future United Nations convention against corruption, including both domestic measures against corruption and measures to support effective cooperation with other States.

7. States will endeavour, as appropriate, to address domestic corruption with the following measures:

(a) The assessment of domestic types, causes, effects and costs of corruption;

(b) The development of national strategies and action plans against corruption, based on the broad participation of stakeholders from Government and civil society;

(c) The maintenance or establishment of adequate domestic offences, investigative powers and criminal procedures to deal with corruption and related problems;

(d) The strengthening of national governance systems and institutions, in particular criminal justice institutions, to create and/or ensure greater independence from and resistance to corrupt influences;

(e) The maintenance or establishment of institutions and structures to achieve transparency and public accountability in government, business and other key social and economic sectors;

(f) The development of expertise in anti-corruption measures and the education and training of officials about the nature and consequences of corruption and how to combat it effectively.

8. States will endeavour, as appropriate, to address transnational corruption with the following measures:

(a) The signature, ratification and implementation of existing international instruments against corruption, as appropriate;

(b) Proper follow-up to international anti-corruption measures and recommendations at the national level, in conformity with national law;

(c) The development and enhancement of domestic capacity to provide international cooperation in anti-corruption matters, including addressing the question of the repatriation of proceeds of corruption;

(d) Awareness-raising on the part of relevant government departments or ministries such as ministries of justice, the interior, foreign affairs and development cooperation as to the seriousness of the problems posed by transnational corruption and the need to support effective measures against it;

(e) The provision of material, technical or other support to other States in anti-corruption programmes, both directly and through financial support to the global programme against corruption;

(f) The reduction of opportunities for the transfer and concealment of proceeds of corruption, and measures to address the question of returning such proceeds to their countries of origin; actions may include ensuring the implementation of measures against money-laundering, pursuant to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and other international legal instruments, and the development and implementation of new measures.

B. International actions

9. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Provide substantive expertise and full secretariat services to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption in the course of its work;

(b) Ensure, with the assistance of Member States, the full and effective participation of developing countries, in particular least developed countries, in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, including by covering travel and local expenses;

(c) Provide to States, on request, technical cooperation to facilitate the ratification and implementation of the future United Nations convention against corruption;

(d) Assist States in the establishment or intensification of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the areas to be covered by the future United Nations convention against corruption;

(e) Maintain a database of existing national assessments of corruption in a standardized format and a kit of best practices against corruption;

(f) Facilitate the sharing of experience and expertise among States;

(g) Revise and update the manual on practical measures against corruption;¹³

(h) Develop technical cooperation projects to prevent and combat corruption in order to assist States, upon request, in implementing such projects under the global programme against corruption.

III. Action against trafficking in persons

10. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 14 of the Vienna Declaration to take immediate and effective measures to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and to promote cooperation between States in this respect, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

11. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Developing and sharing information and analytical expertise on the nature and extent of domestic and regional trafficking activities and on the identities, means and methods of known traffickers or trafficking organizations, to the extent consistent with national laws and international agreements and arrangements;

(b) Adopting or strengthening, as necessary, effective laws and procedures for the prevention and punishment of trafficking in persons and effective measures for the support and protection of victims of and witnesses to such trafficking;

(c) Considering implementing measures to provide for the protection and physical, psychological and social recovery of victims of trafficking in persons;

(d) Supporting and cooperating with national and international non-governmental and other organizations and elements of civil society, as appropriate, in matters relating to trafficking in persons;

(e) Reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of domestic measures against trafficking in persons, and considering making that information available for comparison and research into the development of more effective measures against such trafficking;

¹³ *International Review of Criminal Policy*, Nos. 41 and 42 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.IV.4).

(f) Developing and disseminating public information about trafficking in persons, to educate potential victims of such trafficking;

(g) Strengthening capacity for international cooperation to develop and implement measures against trafficking in persons;

(h) Considering providing voluntary contributions to support the implementation of the global programme against trafficking in human beings;

(i) Providing increased resources to support the development and implementation of national and regional strategies against trafficking in persons.

B. International actions

12. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Develop technical cooperation projects to prevent and combat trafficking in persons and to protect the victims of and witnesses to such trafficking, in order to assist States, upon request, in implementing such projects under the global programme against trafficking in human beings;

(b) Maintain a global database containing information about the nature and extent of trafficking in persons and best practices for preventing and controlling it, in cooperation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute;

(c) Develop tools to assess the effectiveness of measures against trafficking in persons.

IV. Action against the smuggling of migrants

13. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 14 of the Vienna Declaration and to take immediate and effective measures to prevent and combat the smuggling of migrants, and to promote cooperation between States in this respect, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

14. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Developing and sharing information and analytical expertise on the nature and extent of domestic and regional activities relating to the smuggling of migrants and on the identities, means and methods of known smugglers or smuggling organizations, to the extent consistent with national laws and international agreements and arrangements;

(b) Enacting and strengthening, as necessary, effective laws for the prevention and punishment of the smuggling of migrants, and measures for the support and protection of the rights of smuggled migrants and of witnesses in smuggling cases, in conformity with the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;¹⁴

(c) Implementing measures to protect the basic rights of smuggled migrants and, within their means, of witnesses in smuggling cases, to protect them from violence and take appropriate measures in cases where, in the course of being smuggled, the lives, safety or human dignity of migrants are placed in jeopardy;

(d) Supporting and cooperating with national and international non-governmental and other organizations and elements of civil society, as appropriate, in matters relating to the smuggling of migrants;

(e) Reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of domestic measures against the smuggling of migrants, and considering making that information available for comparison and research into the development of more effective measures;

(f) Developing and disseminating public information about the smuggling of migrants, to educate officials, the general public and potential migrants about the true nature of such smuggling, including the involvement of organized criminal groups and the risks posed to smuggled migrants;

(g) Strengthening capacity for international cooperation to develop and implement measures against the smuggling of migrants.

B. International actions

15. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution, develop technical cooperation projects to prevent and combat the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, in order to assist States, upon request, in implementing such projects.

V. Action against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

16. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 15 of the Vienna Declaration and to take such immediate and effective measures as are appropriate to reduce the incidence of the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and

¹⁴ Resolution 55/25, annex III.

ammunition and related criminal activities, in accordance with the terms of the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,¹⁵ the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

17. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Adopting and strengthening, as necessary, national legislation and procedures, and in particular procedures regarding criminal offences and procedures for the confiscation, seizure, forfeiture and disposal of firearms, their parts and components and ammunition;

(b) Implementing requirements to keep records regarding firearms, the marking of firearms and the deactivation of firearms;

(c) Establishing or maintaining effective systems for the licensing or authorization of the import, export and transit of firearms, their parts and components and ammunition;

(d) Establishing appropriate legal and administrative measures with a view to preventing the loss, theft or diversion of firearms, for the exchange of relevant information relating to firearms and for bilateral, regional and international cooperation, including by means of information exchange and technical assistance;

(e) Considering the establishment of an effective regulatory framework for the activities of those engaged in the brokering of transactions involving the import, export or transit of firearms.

B. International actions

18. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Develop technical cooperation projects to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition and related activities, in order to assist requesting States, in particular developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in implementing such projects;

(b) Establish and maintain a global database of existing national and regional firearms regulations and related law enforcement practices, as well as best practices relating to firearms control measures.

VI. Action against money-laundering

19. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 17 of the Vienna Declaration and to develop, adopt and implement effective domestic legislation, regulations and administrative measures to prevent, detect and combat, in cooperation with other States, domestic and transnational money-laundering, in accordance with the relevant international instruments, in particular the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and using as a guideline the relevant initiatives of regional, interregional and multilateral organizations against money-laundering, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

20. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Adopting comprehensive measures to deal effectively with the problem of money-laundering in all its aspects, with the participation of all relevant ministries, departments and agencies and in consultation with representatives of the financial sector;

(b) Making efforts to ensure that domestic legislation adequately criminalizes activities and methods used to conceal, convert or transfer the proceeds of crime in order to disguise the nature or origin of the proceeds, in accordance with article 6 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

(c) Making efforts to ensure that adequate regulatory, inspection and investigative powers exist to detect and identify money-laundering activities;

(d) Making efforts to ensure that adequate investigative and judicial powers exist to permit the identification, tracing, seizure, confiscation and disposal of proceeds of crime;

(e) Making efforts to ensure that adequate legal powers exist and administrative resources are available to permit timely and effective responses to be made to requests from other States in cases involving money-laundering;

(f) Supporting and participating in domestic and international research efforts to monitor and analyse trends in money-laundering and international policy responses;

(g) Consistent with existing multilateral arrangements, developing projects or programmes to assist other States in developing, drafting or upgrading legislation, regulations and administrative procedures against money-laundering, including the Global Programme against Money-Laundering and other activities or projects that support the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

¹⁵ Resolution 55/255, annex.

(h) Activities or programmes to train officials or share expertise in combating money-laundering, such as training workshops and seminars.

B. International actions

21. The Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution, develop technical cooperation activities to prevent and combat money-laundering and assist requesting States in implementing those activities.

VII. Action against terrorism

22. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 19 of the Vienna Declaration and to take effective, resolute and speedy measures to prevent and combat criminal activities carried out for the purpose of furthering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

23. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Signing and ratifying the international instruments dealing with terrorism;

(b) Conducting research and gathering information about criminal activities carried out for the purpose of furthering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the identities, whereabouts and activities of specific individuals or groups involved in such activities, and supporting similar work at the international level, to the extent consistent with national laws and international agreements and arrangements;

(c) Reviewing their relevant domestic laws and procedures with a view to achieving effective domestic measures against terrorism and related crime, an enhanced ability to cooperate in appropriate cases with other States and the effective implementation of relevant international instruments;

(d) Fostering cooperation between anti-terrorism agencies and agencies fighting crime; this may include the establishment of liaison offices or other channels of communication between anti-terrorism agencies and agencies fighting crime in order to enhance information exchange;

(e) Considering voluntary contributions to support the implementation of the terrorism-prevention activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention.

B. International actions

24. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional

organizations, in coordination with the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Take steps to raise awareness of the relevant international instruments, encourage States to sign and ratify such instruments and, where feasible, provide assistance in implementing such instruments to States, upon request;

(b) In cooperation with Member States, take measures to raise public awareness of the nature and scope of international terrorism and its relationship to crime, including organized crime, where appropriate;

(c) Continue to maintain existing databases on terrorism;

(d) Offer analytical support to Member States by collecting and disseminating information on the relationship between terrorism and related criminal activities;

(e) If further developments so require, draw up concrete proposals for consideration by Member States to strengthen the capacity of the Centre to develop, within its mandate, and administer the terrorism prevention component of its activities.

VIII. Action on crime prevention

25. In order to implement and follow up on the commitment undertaken in paragraph 25 of the Vienna Declaration to develop comprehensive international, regional, national and local crime prevention strategies, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

26. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Promotion of close cooperation between the various sectors of society, including justice, health, education, social services and housing, which are necessary to support effective community-based crime prevention;

(b) Close cooperation with and assistance to elements of civil society in the development, adoption and promotion of crime prevention initiatives, taking into account the importance of proceeding on the basis of proven practices wherever possible and of selecting the appropriate balance between various approaches to community-based crime prevention;

(c) Encouragement of assessment of the effectiveness of crime prevention programmes;

(d) Development of practices that seek to prevent crime victims from being victimized once again;

(e) Development and implementation of situational and other crime prevention programmes, bearing in mind the need to avoid any infringement of civil liberties;

(f) Collaboration with other Governments and non-governmental organizations in the development and dissemination of successful and innovative crime prevention initiatives and specialized knowledge and expertise in crime prevention practices, including public awareness and education campaigns about effective crime prevention and the contributions that individuals, families, communities and all levels of government may make to contribute to safer and more peaceful communities;

(g) Consideration of how to contribute to the collective efforts of countries to develop a comprehensive international strategy to advance community-based crime prevention;

(h) Taking steps to incorporate into their national crime prevention strategies measures to prevent and combat crime associated with racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance.

B. International actions

27. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Develop and promote crime prevention expertise that has been carefully adapted from proven practices to the conditions in the countries where those practices are to be implemented, using seminars, training programmes and other means;

(b) Where requested to do so by the State or States involved, conduct public awareness and education campaigns about effective crime prevention and the respective contributions that individuals, families, communities and all levels of government may make towards safer and more peaceful communities;

(c) Endeavour to contribute to the exchange of information and experience in crime prevention, for the purpose of encouraging new forms of collaboration between countries involving government, the community and non-governmental organizations;

(d) Assess the evolution and globalization of crime and prepare responses to it through innovative and effective crime prevention initiatives that take account of the impact of new technologies on crime and crime prevention;

(e) Continue to coordinate studies on crime in urban areas and measures for its effective prevention, including on the possible cultural and institutional differences in effective crime prevention;

(f) Encourage Member States to incorporate into international crime prevention strategies and norms measures to prevent and combat crime associated with racism, racial

discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, taking into account measures already taken by Member States;

(g) Develop technical cooperation projects in the area of crime prevention for requesting States and assist in their implementation;

(h) Develop a guide for policy makers and a handbook on proven practices in the area of crime prevention.

IX. Action on witnesses and victims of crime

28. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 27 of the Vienna Declaration to review relevant practices by 2002 where possible, to develop action plans, support services and awareness campaigns for victims, to consider the establishment of funds for victims and to develop and implement witness protection policies, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

29. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Conducting national and regional studies on victims of crime in national justice systems;

(b) The use and application of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power,¹⁶ subject to the domestic legal systems of each State, taking into account the Handbook on Justice for Victims on the use and application of the Declaration¹⁷ and the Guide for Policy Makers on the Implementation of the Declaration.¹⁸

B. International actions

30. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) In its projects and programmes, take into account measures for the assistance and support of victims and witnesses, including those who are women, children or victims of trafficking in persons;

(b) Promote the establishment of funds for victims of crime;

(c) Promote proven practices in providing support and services for victims and witnesses using, for example, the International Victimology web site;¹⁹

¹⁶ Resolution 40/34, annex.

¹⁷ E/CN.15/1998/CRP.4/Add.1.

¹⁸ E/CN.15/1998/CRP.4.

¹⁹ www.victimology.nl.

(d) Translate into the official languages of the United Nations and widely disseminate the Guide for Policy Makers and the Handbook on Justice for Victims, and assist requesting States in using those documents;

(e) Upon request, assist States in the development of new legislation on victims, using, *inter alia*, the international database established by the Government of the Netherlands;

(f) Where necessary, promote demonstration or pilot projects for the development, further development or establishment of victim services and other related operational activities.

X. Action on prison overcrowding and alternatives to incarceration

31. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 26 of the Vienna Declaration to promote safe and effective alternatives to incarceration, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

32. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) The development of specific actions and time-bound targets to address prison overcrowding, recognizing that conditions in overcrowded prisons may affect the human rights of prisoners, including such actions as adopting effective measures to reduce pre-trial detention as far as possible; introducing appropriate alternatives to imprisonment; preferring non-custodial measures to imprisonment where possible; dealing with minor offences using options such as customary practice, mediation between concerned parties or the payment of civil reparations or compensation; and conducting public awareness and education campaigns on alternatives to imprisonment and how they work;

(b) Encouraging international and regional institutions, including financial institutions, to incorporate in their relevant technical cooperation programmes measures to reduce prison overcrowding, in accordance with national laws;

(c) Promoting and implementing good prison practice, taking into account international standards;

(d) Ensuring that national and international actions on prison overcrowding and alternatives to incarceration take into account and address any disparate impact that such actions may have on women and men.

B. International actions

33. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Encourage international and regional institutions, including financial institutions, to incorporate into their relevant technical cooperation programmes measures to reduce prison overcrowding, in accordance with national laws;

(b) Promote national and international actions on prison overcrowding and alternatives to incarceration that take into account any disparate impact on women and men, as well as any special needs;

(c) Upon request, provide assistance in the form of advisory services, needs assessment, capacity-building, training or other assistance to States to enable them to improve prison conditions.

XI. Action against high-technology and computer-related crime

34. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 18 of the Vienna Declaration to develop action-oriented policy recommendations for the prevention and control of high-technology and computer-related crime, taking into account the ongoing work in other forums and to enhance abilities to detect, prevent, investigate and prosecute such crimes, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

35. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Criminalization of the misuse of information technologies, as appropriate and in accordance with national law, including, if necessary, reviewing crimes such as fraud, in order to ensure that they apply to offences in which computer and telecommunication media and networks are used;

(b) The development and implementation of rules and procedures, including on the exercise of jurisdiction, that would ensure that computer- and telecommunication-related crimes can be effectively detected and investigated at the national level and that effective cooperation can be obtained in multinational cases, taking into account national sovereignty, the need for effective law enforcement and the need to maintain effective protections for privacy and other related basic rights;

(c) Ensuring that law enforcement personnel are trained and equipped to be able to respond effectively and expeditiously to requests for assistance in the tracing of communications and other measures necessary for the detection and investigation of transnational high-technology and computer-related crimes;

(d) Engaging in domestic and international discussions on actions against high-technology and computer-related crime and the effects of technological change with industries involved in the development and deployment of computers, telecommunication equipment, network software and hardware

and other relevant products and services. These discussions could include key areas such as:

(i) Issues relating to domestic and international regulation of the technologies and networks;

(ii) Issues relating to the incorporation of elements into new technologies, which are intended to prevent crime or facilitate the detection, investigation or prosecution of crime;

(e) Making voluntary contributions, both bilaterally and through international and regional organizations, as appropriate, including in cooperation with the private sector, inter alia, in the form of technical expertise to assist other States in developing and implementing effective measures against high-technology and computer-related crime, including the measures referred to in subparagraphs (c) and (d) above.

B. International actions

36. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Support national and international research activities to identify new forms of computer-related criminality and to assess the effects of such criminality in key areas such as sustainable development, the protection of privacy and electronic commerce, and the measures taken in response;

(b) Disseminate internationally agreed materials such as guidelines, legal and technical manuals, minimum standards, proven practices and model legislation to assist legislators and law enforcement and other authorities in the development, adoption and application of effective measures against high-technology and computer-related crime and offenders both in general and in specific cases;

(c) Promote, support and implement, as appropriate, technical cooperation and assistance projects. Such projects would bring together experts in crime prevention, computer security, criminal legislation and procedures, prosecution, investigative techniques and related matters and States seeking information or assistance in those areas.

XII. Action on juvenile justice

37. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 24 of the Vienna Declaration, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

38. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Giving timely assistance to juveniles in difficult circumstances in order to prevent them from resorting to crime;

(b) Supporting the development of crime prevention practices that are focused on juveniles who are at risk of becoming delinquent or who are easy candidates for recruitment by criminal groups, bearing in mind the rights of such juveniles;

(c) Strengthening juvenile justice systems;

(d) Incorporating an integrated strategy for the prevention of youth crime and for juvenile justice in national development plans;

(e) Promoting the re-education and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders;

(f) Encouraging, and where necessary, supporting the participation of civil society in the implementation of practices for the prevention of juvenile crime.

B. International actions

39. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Upon request, develop technical cooperation projects to prevent youth crime, to strengthen juvenile justice systems and to improve the rehabilitation and treatment of juvenile offenders and assist States in implementing those projects;

(b) Ensure effective cooperation among the relevant United Nations entities and the other organizations mentioned in the Guidelines for Action on Children in the Criminal Justice System.²⁰

XIII. Action on the special needs of women in the criminal justice system

40. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Vienna Declaration, and to review crime prevention and criminal justice strategies in order to identify and address any disparate impact of programmes and policies on women and men, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

41. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

(a) Reviewing, evaluating and, if necessary, modifying their legislation, policies, procedures and practices relating to criminal matters, in a manner consistent with their legal systems, in order to ensure that women are treated fairly by the criminal justice system;

²⁰ Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/30, annex.

(b) Developing national and international crime prevention and criminal justice strategies that take into account the special needs of women as criminal justice practitioners, victims, witnesses, prisoners and offenders;

(c) Considering sharing with other States, via web sites or other media or forums, any proven practices concerning women as criminal justice practitioners, victims, witnesses, prisoners and offenders that take into account the special needs of women.

B. International actions

42. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Collect and disseminate information and materials on violence against women in all its forms and manifestations, as referred to in the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women,²¹ for the purpose of implementing its crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including technical assistance at the request of States;

(b) Work on issues relating to violence against women and to the removal of gender bias in the administration of criminal justice;

(c) Cooperate with all other relevant entities of the United Nations system regarding activities on issues relating to violence against women and to the removal of gender bias in the administration of criminal justice, and coordinate work on such issues;

(d) Consolidate and disseminate information on successful intervention models and preventive programmes at the national level;

(e) Continue to improve training concerning criminal justice and crime-prevention aspects of the human rights of women and issues of gender bias and violence against women for relevant United Nations staff members;

(f) Assist Member States, upon request, in utilizing the Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.²²

XIV. Action on standards and norms

43. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 22 of the Vienna Declaration and to promote the use and application, as appropriate, of the United

Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice in national law and practice, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

44. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to use and apply in national law and practice the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice and to publish the *Compendium of United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*²³ in the languages of their countries.

B. International actions

45. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Update the *Compendium of United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*;

(b) Promote the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, inter alia, by providing advisory services and technical cooperation to Member States upon request, including assistance to Member States in criminal justice and law reform, organization of training for law enforcement and criminal justice personnel and support to the administration and management of penal and penitentiary systems, thus contributing to the upgrading of their efficiency and capabilities;

(c) Coordinate activities relating to the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice between the Centre for International Crime Prevention and other relevant United Nations entities, taking into account bilateral and regional assistance programmes.

XV. Action on restorative justice

46. In order to implement and follow up on the commitments undertaken in paragraph 28 of the Vienna Declaration and to encourage the development of restorative justice policies, procedures and programmes, the specific measures below are recommended.

A. National actions

47. Individually and collectively, States will endeavour, as appropriate, to support the following actions:

²¹ Resolution 48/104.

²² Resolution 52/86, annex.

²³ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.92.IV.1 and corrigendum.

(a) Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/14 of 27 July 2000, entitled "Basic principles on the use of restorative justice programmes in criminal matters", when considering the desirability and the means of establishing common principles;

(b) Dealing with offences, especially minor offences, according to customary practice in respect of restorative justice, where available and appropriate, provided that this meets human rights requirements and that those involved so agree;

(c) Using amicable means as provided by national law to deal with offences, especially minor offences, for example by using mediation, reparation or agreements whereby the offender compensates the victim;

(d) Promoting a culture favourable to mediation and restorative justice among law enforcement, judicial and social authorities and local communities;

(e) Providing appropriate training for those involved in the development and implementation of restorative justice policies and programmes;

(f) Promoting the re-education and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders by encouraging, where appropriate, the use of mediation, conflict resolution, conciliation and other methods of restorative justice as alternatives to judicial proceedings and custodial-based sanctions;

(g) Developing and implementing restorative justice policies and programmes, taking into account existing international commitments with respect to victims, in particular the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power;

(h) Promoting cooperation between government and civil society, including relevant non-governmental organizations, to implement restorative justice programmes and to ensure public support for the use of restorative justice principles.

B. International actions

48. The Centre for International Crime Prevention will, in cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with the present resolution:

(a) Exchange information on experiences and proven practices in the implementation and evaluation of programmes for restorative justice;

(b) Assist the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in considering the desirability and the means of establishing common principles on the use of restorative justice programmes in criminal matters;

(c) Convene a meeting of experts to examine proposals for further action in relation to restorative justice, including mediation.

RESOLUTION 56/262

Adopted at the 94th plenary meeting, on 15 February 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1, sponsored by: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia

56/262. Multilingualism

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the United Nations pursues multilingualism as a means of promoting, protecting and preserving diversity of languages and cultures globally,

Also recognizing that genuine multilingualism promotes unity in diversity and international understanding,

Recalling its resolution 47/135 of 18 December 1992, by which it adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,²⁴ in particular article 27 concerning the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities,

Recalling also its resolutions 2 (I) of 1 February 1946, 2480 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 52/23 of 25 November 1997, 54/64 of 6 December 1999, 55/258 of 14 June 2001, and 56/64 B and 56/242 of 24 December 2001,

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,²⁵ and recalls the actions suggested therein;

2. *Also takes note* of the appointment of a coordinator for multilingualism;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the willingness of the Secretariat to encourage staff members, in formal meetings with

²⁴ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

²⁵ A/56/656.

interpretation services, to use any of the six official languages of which they have a command;

4. *Stresses* that the employment of staff shall continue to be carried out in strict accordance with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations and in line with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions;

5. *Also stresses* that the promotion of staff in the Professional and higher categories should be carried out in strict accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and in line with the provisions of resolution 2480 B (XXIII) and the relevant provisions of resolution 55/258;

6. *Encourages* United Nations staff members to continue to use actively existing training facilities to acquire and enhance proficiency in one or more official languages of the United Nations;

7. *Takes note* of the overhaul of the recruitment system undertaken by the Secretariat within the context of the Galaxy Project, and requests the Secretariat to ensure that the system becomes effective and operational as soon as practical;

8. *Recalls* its resolution 56/242, in which it requested the Secretary-General to report on the utilization rates of interpretation services and conference facilities at all duty stations with a view to improving interpretation services, and requests the Secretary-General to carry out a comprehensive review of the reasons for holding informal calendar meetings without interpretation;

9. *Also recalls* its resolution 56/64 B, in which it noted the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to enrich on a multilingual basis the stock of books and journals in the Library, and section V, paragraph 1, of its resolution 56/242, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the use of information technology, including computerized terminology data banks;

10. *Further recalls* its resolution 56/64 B, and emphasizes the importance of multilingualism in United Nations public relations and information activities;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-eighth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of its resolutions on multilingualism, including the implications of section I of the present resolution;

II

12. *Welcomes* the decision by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 17 November 1999 that 21 February should be proclaimed "International Mother Language Day", and calls upon Member States and the Secretariat to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-eighth session on the measures that can be taken by Member States and international organizations within the United Nations system in order to strengthen the protection, promotion and preservation of all languages, in particular languages spoken by persons belonging to linguistic minorities and languages facing extinction;

III

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Multilingualism".

RESOLUTION 56/263

Adopted at the 96th plenary meeting, on 13 March 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.72 and Add.1, sponsored by: Angola, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe

56/263. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the trade in conflict diamonds is a matter of serious international concern, which can be directly linked to the fuelling of armed conflict, the activities of rebel movements aimed at undermining or overthrowing legitimate Governments and the illicit traffic in and proliferation of armaments, especially small arms and light weapons,

Recognizing also the devastating impact of conflicts fuelled by the trade in conflict diamonds on the peace, safety and security of people in affected countries, and the systematic and gross human rights violations that have been perpetrated in such conflicts,

Noting the negative impact of such conflicts on regional stability and the obligations placed upon States by the Charter of the United Nations regarding the maintenance of international peace and security,

Recognizing, therefore, that urgent action to curb the trade in conflict diamonds is imperative,

Recognizing also the positive benefits of the legitimate diamond trade to producing countries, and underlining the need for urgent international action to prevent the problem of conflict diamonds from negatively affecting the trade in legitimate diamonds, which makes a critical contribution to the economies

of many of the producing, exporting and importing States, especially developing States,

Noting that the vast majority of rough diamonds produced in the world are from legitimate sources,

Recalling all the Security Council resolutions related to conflict diamonds adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter, and determined to contribute to and support the implementation of the measures provided for in those resolutions,

Recalling also its resolution 55/56 of 1 December 2000, in which it called upon the international community to develop detailed proposals for a simple and workable international certification scheme for rough diamonds, based primarily on national certification schemes and on internationally agreed minimum standards,

Believing that the opportunity for conflict diamonds to play a role in fuelling armed conflict can be substantially reduced by introducing an international certification scheme for rough diamonds and that such a scheme would help to protect legitimate trade and ensure the effective implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions containing sanctions on trade in conflict diamonds,

Emphasizing that the envisaged international certification scheme for rough diamonds should be simple, effective and pragmatic, should not impede the present legitimate trade in diamonds or impose an undue burden on Governments or industry, particularly smaller producers, and should not hinder the development of the diamond industry,

Acknowledging the important initiatives already taken to address the problem of conflict diamonds, in particular by the Governments of Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea and Sierra Leone and by other key producing, exporting and importing countries, and encouraging those Governments to continue those initiatives,

Acknowledging also the continued efforts of regional organizations and other groups of countries to curb conflict diamonds,

Welcoming the important contribution made by the diamond industry, in particular the World Diamond Council, as well as civil society, to assist international efforts to stop the trade in conflict diamonds,

Welcoming also voluntary self-regulation initiatives for the diamond industry announced by the World Diamond Council, and recognizing that a system of such voluntary self-regulation will contribute to ensuring the effectiveness of national systems of internal controls for rough diamonds,

Recognizing that an international certification scheme for rough diamonds would only be credible if all participants have established internal systems of control designed to eliminate the presence of conflict diamonds in the chain of producing, exporting and importing rough diamonds within their own

territories, while taking into account that differences in production methods and trading practices, as well as differences in institutional controls thereof, may require different approaches to meet minimum standards,

Welcoming the important contribution made by the Kimberley Process, which was initiated by African producing countries, towards developing proposals for the envisaged international certification scheme,

Noting with appreciation that the Kimberley Process has pursued its deliberations on an inclusive basis, involving concerned stakeholders, including producing, exporting and importing States, the diamond industry and civil society,

Recognizing that State sovereignty should be fully respected and the principles of equality, mutual benefits and consensus should be adhered to,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the reports on the Kimberley Process²⁶ submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/56, and congratulates the participants in the Kimberley Process on their achievements thus far;

2. *Recognizes* that the proposed international certification scheme for rough diamonds would also help to ensure the effective implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions containing sanctions on the trade in conflict diamonds, and calls for the full implementation of existing Council measures targeting the illicit trade in rough diamonds that play a role in fuelling conflict;

3. *Welcomes* the detailed proposals for an international certification scheme for rough diamonds developed in the Kimberley Process and presented in the form of Kimberley Process working document 9/2001 (as amended), entitled "Essential elements of an international scheme of certification for rough diamonds, with a view to breaking the link between armed conflict and the trade in rough diamonds", dated 29 November 2001,²⁷ which provide a good basis for the proposed certification scheme;

4. *Encourages* the Kimberley Process to resolve outstanding issues;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that the measures taken to implement the international certification scheme for rough diamonds are consistent with international law governing international trade;

6. *Urges* the finalization of the international certification scheme and its subsequent implementation as soon as possible, recognizing the urgency of the situation from a humanitarian and security standpoint;

²⁶ See A/56/502, A/56/675 and A/56/775.

²⁷ See A/56/775, annex VIII.

7. *Underlines* the need, as an essential tool for the successful implementation of the proposed international certification scheme, for the collation and dissemination of relevant statistical data on the production of and international trade in rough diamonds;

8. *Supports* the extension of the work of the Kimberley Process until such time as an international certification scheme is adopted and its simultaneous implementation by participants begins;

9. *Urges* Member States to participate actively in the proposed international certification scheme, and stresses that the widest possible participation in the proposed international certification scheme is essential and should be encouraged and facilitated;

10. *Welcomes* the offer by the Government of Canada to host the next meeting of the Kimberley Process in Ottawa, in order to achieve further progress;

11. *Requests* the countries participating in the Kimberley Process to submit to the General Assembly, no later than at its fifty-seventh session, a report on progress made;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict".

RESOLUTION 56/264

Adopted at the 96th plenary meeting, on 13 March 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.73, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

56/264. Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/13 of 3 November 2000, entitled "Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects", in particular paragraph 19 thereof,

Recalling also its resolution S-26/2 of 27 June 2001, entitled "Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", adopted at its twenty-sixth special session, held in New York from 25 to 27 June, in particular paragraph 100 thereof,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, with a view to identifying problems and constraints and making recommendations on action needed to make further progress;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit his report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS".

RESOLUTION 56/269

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.75 and Add.1, sponsored by: Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Suriname, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela

56/269. Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Ulaanbaatar in 2003

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the indissoluble links between the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights²⁸ and the foundations of any democratic society,

Recognizing that the United Nations has an important role to play in providing timely, appropriate and coherent support to the efforts of Governments to achieve democratization within the context of their development efforts,

Recalling its resolution 56/96 of 14 December 2001, in which it welcomed the decision of the Government of Mongolia to host the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in 2003,

Expressing once again its deep appreciation for the support provided by Member States, the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, and other intergovernmental organizations to the Government of Benin for the holding of the Fourth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in Cotonou,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Mongolia to hold the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies from 18 to 20 June 2003 in Ulaanbaatar;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, Member States, the relevant specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to support and collaborate in the holding of the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies;

²⁸ Resolution 217 A (III).

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3. *Encourages* the intergovernmental follow-up mechanism to the Cotonou Conference to cooperate actively in the preparatory process for the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies.

RESOLUTION 56/281

Adopted at the 98th plenary meeting, on 1 May 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.76, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

56/281. Participation in the plenary meetings of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/258 of 31 January 2002, by which it decided to convene the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development and also decided that the Meeting would consist of three plenary meetings and separate informal panels,

Noting that the Meeting will be held on 17 and 18 June 2002,

Noting also that in its resolution 56/258, the General Assembly recalled, inter alia, the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Economic and Social Council²⁹ as well as resolution 56/183 of 21 December 2001, in which the Assembly had welcomed the fact that the World Summit on the Information Society would be held in December 2003 in Geneva and in December 2005 in Tunis,

Noting further that in its resolution 56/258, the General Assembly welcomed, inter alia, the fact that the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force had been launched on 20 November 2001,

Noting that the Digital Opportunities Task Force was launched at the G-8 Kyushu-Okinawa summit which was held from 21 to 23 July 2000,³⁰

Welcoming the fact that, at its second meeting on 4 February 2002, the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force agreed to work together with the Digital Opportunities Task Force implementation teams to advance the shared agenda,

Noting that the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2002 was held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 18 to 27 March 2002,

Decides to invite the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chairman of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force, the Chairman of the Digital Opportunities Task Force, and the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to make statements at the first plenary meeting of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development.

RESOLUTION 56/282

Adopted at the 98th plenary meeting, on 1 May 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/56/894)

56/282. Question of East Timor

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the right of peoples to self-determination as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, as well as resolution 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and all other United Nations resolutions relating to the question of East Timor,

Recalling also the mandate of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling further the Agreement of 5 May 1999 between the Governments of Indonesia and Portugal and the Secretary-General on the question of East Timor regarding the modalities for the popular consultation of the East Timorese through a direct ballot,³¹ and taking note of its outcome and the process of transition, under the authority of the United Nations, towards independence,

Taking note of the subsequent recommendation by the East Timor Constituent Assembly that 20 May 2002 be the date for the official transfer of the powers of sovereignty from the United Nations to the East Timor government institutions,

Mindful of the statement by the President of the Security Council of 31 October 2001,³²

²⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/55/3/Rev.1)*, chap. III, para. 17.

³⁰ See A/55/257-S/2000/766, annex, para. 12.

³¹ A/53/951-S/1999/513, annex II.

³² S/PRST/2001/32.

I. Resolutions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

1. *Recalls* the important role played for many years by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in promoting the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in relation to East Timor;

2. *Welcomes* the progress and the achievements in East Timor, and commends the Secretary-General and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor, under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, for their efforts to assist the Territory during its transition to independence;

3. *Also welcomes* the forthcoming official transfer of power from the United Nations to the East Timor government institutions, as recommended by the East Timor Constituent Assembly;

4. *Decides* to remove East Timor from the list of Non-Self-Governing Territories upon its accession to independence.

RESOLUTION 56/283

Adopted at the 99th plenary meeting, on 22 May 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.78, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

56/283. Participation of East Timor in the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process

The General Assembly,

Expressing its congratulations to the Government and people of East Timor on the attainment of independence by East Timor on 20 May 2002,

Noting with satisfaction the submission by East Timor of an application for membership in the United Nations,³³

Mindful of the statement by the President of the Security Council of 20 May 2002,³⁴ in which the Council welcomed the attainment of independence by East Timor,

Noting that the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held from 26 August to 4 September 2002 in Johannesburg, South Africa, and that the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Summit will be held from 27 May to 7 June 2002 in Indonesia,

Noting also that the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process are open to all States

Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies,

1. *Welcomes* the attainment of independence by East Timor on 20 May 2002;

2. *Invites* East Timor, pending its admission to membership in the United Nations or the specialized agencies, to participate as a State, without the right to vote, in the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process, including the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Summit;

3. *Decides* to conclude its consideration of the agenda item entitled "The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence".

RESOLUTION 56/508

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.79, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

56/508. Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/218 of 21 December 2001, in which it decided to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole of the General Assembly to conduct the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and related initiatives,

Recalling also that, in its resolution 56/218, it also decided that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should meet in substantive session for a period of five working days, from 9 to 13 September 2002, and for three working days, from 7 to 9 October 2002, during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly,

Mindful of the fact that the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will close on Monday, 9 September, and that the fifty-seventh session will open on Tuesday, 10 September 2002,

Taking into account its decision 56/468 of 1 May 2002, in which it decided to hold an eight-day general debate at its fifty-seventh session, from Thursday, 12 September, to Sunday, 15 September, and from Tuesday, 17 September, to Friday, 20 September 2002,

Decides that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s should meet in substantive

³³ A/56/953-S/2002/558, annex.

³⁴ S/PRST/2002/13.

session for three working days, from Tuesday, 24 September, to Thursday, 26 September 2002, and for five working days, from Monday, 7 October, to Friday, 11 October 2002.

RESOLUTION 56/509

Adopted at the 106th plenary meeting, on 8 July 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.80, as orally revised, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

56/509. Amendments to rules 30, 31 and 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, entitled "Revitalization of the General Assembly; improving the efficiency of the General Assembly",

Convinced that a smooth transition between successive presidencies of the General Assembly and successive chairmanships of each of the Main Committees could usefully contribute to improving the work of the Assembly,

1. *Decides*, for the purpose of the present resolution only, to waive the procedure set out in rule 163 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, by which a committee would report on the amendments set out below;

2. *Decides also* to amend rules 30, 31 and 99 of its rules of procedure as follows:

(a) The present rule 30 shall be replaced by the following text:

"Elections

"Rule 30

"Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, the General Assembly shall elect a President and twenty-one Vice-Presidents at least three months before the opening of the session over which they are to preside. The President and the Vice-Presidents so elected will assume their functions only at the beginning of the session for which they are elected and shall hold office until the close of that session. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the election of the Chairmen of the six Main Committees referred to in rule 98, in such a way as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee";

(b) The present rule 31 shall be replaced by the following text:

"Temporary President

"Rule 31

"If, at the opening of a session of the General Assembly, the President for that session has not yet

been elected, in accordance with rule 30 above, the President of the previous session, or the chairman of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected, shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President";

(c) Paragraph (a) of the present rule 99 shall be replaced by the following text:

"All the Main Committees shall, at least three months before the opening of the session, elect a Chairman. Elections of the other officers provided for in rule 103 shall be held at the latest by the end of the first week of the session";

3. *Decides further* that, for the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly only, the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected as early as possible;

4. *Decides* that these amendments will enter into force on 8 July 2002.

RESOLUTION 56/510

Adopted at the 109th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.82 and Add.1, sponsored by: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

56/510. Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, in which it invited, inter alia, non-governmental organizations with an interest in the matter to make contributions to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities,

Welcoming the fact that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 2002/61 of 25 April 2002³⁵ encouraged the Ad Hoc Committee to adopt working methods that would allow for full participation by relevant non-governmental organizations in its deliberations,

³⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 3 (E/2002/3)*, chap. II, sect. A.

1. *Decides* that accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities shall be granted to all non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Also decides* that other non-governmental organizations, not accredited previously to the Ad Hoc Committee, may apply to the Secretariat for such accreditation, and that the applications should contain all the information on the competence of the organization and the relevance of its activities to the work of the Committee specified in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996; regarding those applications, it further decides that:

(a) The Secretariat shall circulate to all States members of the Ad Hoc Committee a list of new applications for accreditation received from non-governmental organizations no less than four weeks prior to each session of the Committee, except for its first session, for which the Committee will consider applications received up to the beginning of and during the session;

(b) Accreditation shall be granted in advance of the session in accordance with the procedures and time limits set out in paragraph 46 of resolution 1996/31, on a non-objection basis, except for the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee, for which the time limit for the raising of an objection by a State member of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be no later than seven days from receipt of each list;

(c) The Ad Hoc Committee, at the beginning of each of its sessions, shall consider and take decisions on new applications against which a State member of the Ad Hoc Committee has raised an objection;

3. *Urges* relevant United Nations bodies, in recognition of the importance of the equitable geographical participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, to assist those non-governmental organizations that lack resources, in particular non-governmental organizations interested in the matter from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in participating in the work of the Committee;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to the community of non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures as well as information on supportive measures for participation in the Ad Hoc Committee;

5. *Decides* that representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Ad Hoc Committee may participate in the work of the Committee and that the modalities

of this participation will be decided by the Committee during the first week of its first session;

6. *Also decides* that the above arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other ad hoc committees of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 56/511

Adopted at the 110th plenary meeting, on 15 August 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.84 and Add.1, sponsored by: Algeria, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

56/511. Organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/218 of 21 December 2001, by which it decided that a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly should be held on 16 September 2002 to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development, in line with paragraph 5 of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council,³⁶ which called on the United Nations system and the international community to support the New African Initiative, now called the New Partnership for Africa's Development, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, held in Lusaka from 9 to 11 July 2001,³⁷ and that preparations for the plenary meeting should be made during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly,

Convinced of the value of an interactive component to the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that the high-level plenary meeting to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development to be held on 16 September 2002 shall consist of two plenary meetings, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and one separate informal panel;

³⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/56/3/Rev.1)*, chap. III, para. 29.

³⁷ See A/56/457, annex I, AHG/Decl. 1 (XXXVII).

2. *Decides also* that the list of speakers for the debate in plenary shall be organized on a first-come, first-served basis. The order of precedence shall be as follows: (a) heads of State/heads of Government; (b) Vice-Presidents/Crown Princes or Princesses; (c) Deputy Prime Ministers; (d) the highest-ranking official of the Holy See and Switzerland, in their capacity as observer States, and of Palestine, in its capacity as observer; (e) Ministers; (f) Vice-Ministers; and (g) chairmen of delegations. Should the level of representation change, the replacement speaker will be accommodated in the last position available in the appropriate category;

3. *Decides further* that the informal panel shall be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., in parallel with the afternoon plenary meeting, and that it will have as its theme "The international community's partnership with the New Partnership for Africa's Development";

4. *Decides* that the informal panel shall have five panellists who will be the heads of State of the five initiating countries of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, namely, Nigeria, South Africa, Algeria, Senegal and Egypt;

5. *Decides also* that the head of State of Nigeria shall present orally a summary of the discussions in the informal panel to the General Assembly at the end of the debate in plenary.

RESOLUTION 56/512

Adopted at the 112th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2002, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/56/L.85, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

56/512. Prevention of armed conflict

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/281 of 1 August 2001,

Taking note of the letter dated 26 April 2002 from the President of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session to the Secretary-General,³⁸ his subsequent letters dated 10 July and 1 August 2002 to Member States on the prevention of armed conflict, and discussions and proposals on this subject at the fifty-sixth session,

Bearing in mind its responsibilities, functions and powers under the Charter of the United Nations, in particular with respect to matters related to the prevention of armed conflict,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of armed conflict;³⁹

2. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the above-mentioned report and the recommendations contained therein at its fifty-seventh session.

³⁸ A/56/935.

³⁹ A/55/985-S/2001/574 and Corr. 1.

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RESOLUTION 56/225 B

Adopted at the 99th plenary meeting, on 22 May 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/551/Add.1)¹

56/225. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

B²

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 54/81 B of 25 May 2000, 55/135 of 8 December 2000 and 56/225 A of 24 December 2001,

Recalling its decision in resolution 56/225 A to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects",

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

expressed by many Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;³

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 45 to 155 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant bodies of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that, in the future, those Member States that become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations or participate in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by: Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland.

² Consequently, resolution 56/225, in section III of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I)/Corr.1), vol. I, becomes resolution 56/225 A.

³ A/56/863.

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RESOLUTION 56/265

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/581, para. 28)¹

56/265. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/84 of 4 December 2000,

Reaffirming that racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance constitute a negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,²

Reaffirming also its firm determination and its commitment to eradicate totally and unconditionally racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Recalling with satisfaction the proclamation in resolution 48/91 of 20 December 1993 of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, which began in 1993, and the adoption in resolution 49/146 of 23 December 1994 of the revised Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Noting with grave concern that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the three Decades have not been attained and that countless human beings continue to the present day to be the victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Welcoming the fact that the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held at Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001, urged States and the international community to support the activities of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Recognizing that the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the Conference³ addressed a wide range of practical issues which could complement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade,

Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General⁴ within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade,

1. *Takes note of the report submitted by the Secretary-General;⁴*

2. *Recognizes the need for adequate support and financial resources for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session further appropriate concrete proposals on how to ensure the financial and personnel resources required for the implementation of the Programme of Action, inter alia, through the regular budget of the United Nations and extrabudgetary sources;*

3. *Expresses its appreciation to those that have made contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, strongly appeals to all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Fund, and to this end requests the Secretary-General to continue to establish the appropriate contacts and undertake the appropriate initiatives;*

4. *Considers that, in order to attain the objectives of the Third Decade, all parts of its Programme of Action should be given equal attention;*

5. *Requests the Secretary-General to accord high priority to the activities of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade and, in this regard, to work within his mandate to ensure that the necessary financial resources are provided for the implementation of such activities during the remainder of the Decade;*

6. *Reiterates its calls upon all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and regional organizations and interested non-governmental organizations to contribute fully to the effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade;*

7. *Recognizes that the Programme of Action for the Third Decade will require political will, adequate funding and international cooperation;*

8. *Requests the Secretary-General to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;*

9. *Decides to continue the consideration of this matter at its fifty-seventh session under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination".*

¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

² Resolution 217 A (III).

³ See A/CONF.189/12, chap. I.

⁴ A/56/481.

RESOLUTION 56/266

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/581, para. 28),⁵ by a recorded vote of 134 to 2, with 2 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Australia, Canada

56/266. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/111 of 12 December 1997, in which it decided to convene the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and all other resolutions on this matter,

Reaffirming its commitment to a global drive for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Welcoming the adoption by the Conference, held at Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001, of the Declaration and Programme of Action,⁶

Convinced that the Conference made an important contribution to the cause of the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and that its

results have to be fully implemented without delay through effective action,

Stressing the need to maintain continued political will and momentum at the national, regional and international levels in order to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, taking into account commitments undertaken under the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and recalling the importance of enhancing national action and international cooperation to this end,

Reaffirming the importance of the enhancement of international cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights and for the achievement of the objectives of the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Bearing in mind the need for the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights and other relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, taking into account the relevant recommendations contained in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and as reflected in the report of the Conference,⁷

Emphasizing that, in the implementation of commitments undertaken under the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adequate resources at the national, regional and international levels are necessary and constitute an important element in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Expressing its gratitude to the Government and people of South Africa for hosting the Conference, for the excellent arrangements, for the hospitality extended to all participants and for its vital leadership during the whole process of the Conference,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Conference and the members of the Secretariat for their endeavours in the preparation for and servicing of the Conference,

Appreciating the active participation of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and youth, in the preparatory process and the Conference, and encouraging its involvement at the national, regional and international levels in the continuing fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Recognizing that, in the implementation of commitments undertaken under the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the formulation and implementation of strategies, policies, programmes and actions should be carried out

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⁶ See A/CONF.189/12, chap. I.

⁷ A/CONF.189/12.

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efficiently and promptly by States with the full involvement of civil society, including non-governmental organizations,

Appreciating the input and participation of national human rights institutions in the preparatory process and the Conference, and encouraging their active involvement in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, taking into consideration recommendations contained in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance;⁷

2. *Endorses* the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted on 8 September 2001 by the Conference;⁸

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the outcome of the Conference, which constitutes a solid foundation for further action and initiatives;

4. *Recognizes* that the success of the Programme of Action will require political will and adequate funding at the national, regional and international levels, and international cooperation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to ensure that the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action are made available as widely as possible among the competent organs and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in all the official languages of the United Nations;

6. *Invites* all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to become involved in the follow-up to the Conference, and invites specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen and adjust, within their respective mandates, their activities, programmes and medium-term strategies to take into account the follow-up to the Conference;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights and other relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system related to human rights to continue the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, taking into account the relevant recommendations contained in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and to reflect progress in this regard in their reports, as appropriate;

8. *Invites* all human rights treaty-monitoring bodies and all mechanisms and subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Human Rights to consider the relevant provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in the discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Invites* States to give widespread publicity to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

10. *Urges* States to establish and implement without delay national policies and action plans to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including their gender-based manifestations;

11. *Calls upon* all States to formulate and implement without delay at the national, regional and international levels policies and plans of action to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including their gender-based manifestations;

12. *Supports* the decision by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to establish an anti-discrimination unit to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and to promote equality and non-discrimination;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, to appoint five independent eminent experts, one from each region, from among candidates proposed by the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights, after consultation with the regional groups, to follow the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration and Programme of Action;

14. *Requests* the High Commissioner, in follow-up to the Conference, to cooperate with these five independent eminent experts, and to report annually to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights taking into account information and views provided by States, relevant human rights treaty bodies, special procedures and other mechanisms of the Commission, international, regional and non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions;

15. *Recognizes* the critical importance of placing the outcome of the Conference on an equal footing with that of previous United Nations world conferences in the human rights and social fields;

16. *Recognizes* that review and appraisal will be critical for effective follow-up to the Conference, and decides to consider the progress made in this regard and to consider, overall, the modalities of the review and appraisal at its fifty-ninth session;

17. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its forthcoming sessions, under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", a sub-item entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".

RESOLUTION 56/267

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/581, para. 28)⁸

56/267. Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/83 of 4 December 2000, and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/5 of 18 April 2001,⁹

Recognizing that the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance¹⁰ addressed a wide range of practical issues, including measures to combat contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Stressing that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,¹¹ attaches importance to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance,

Reaffirming the spirit of renewed political will and commitment to combat the scourge of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, from which no country is free,

Convinced that racism, as one of the exclusionist phenomena plaguing many societies, requires resolute action and cooperation for its eradication,

Deeply concerned that, despite continued efforts, racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and acts of violence persist and even grow in magnitude, incessantly adopting new forms, including tendencies to establish policies based on racial, religious, ethnic, cultural and national superiority or exclusivity,

Particularly alarmed at the increase in racist violence in many parts of the world, inter alia, as a result of the resurgent activities of associations established on the basis of racist and xenophobic platforms and charters, and the persistent use of

those platforms and charters to promote or incite racist ideologies,

Emphasizing that remembering the crimes and wrongs of the past, wherever and whenever they occurred, unequivocally condemning its racist tragedies and telling the truth about history are essential elements for international reconciliation and the creation of societies based on justice, equality and solidarity,

Deeply concerned that those advocating racism and racial discrimination misuse new communication technologies, including the Internet, to disseminate their repugnant views,

Noting that the use of such technologies can also contribute to combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Conscious of the fundamental difference between, on the one hand, racism and racial discrimination as governmental policy or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity and, on the other hand, other manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance that are increasingly visible in segments of many societies and are perpetrated by individuals or groups, some of which manifestations are directed against migrant workers and members of their families,

Reaffirming the responsibility of Governments for safeguarding and protecting the rights of individuals within their jurisdiction against crimes perpetrated by racist or xenophobic individuals or groups,

Recognizing both the challenges and the opportunities in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in an increasingly globalized world,

Noting with concern that racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance may be aggravated by, inter alia, inequitable distribution of wealth, marginalization and social exclusion,

Deeply concerned that racism and racial discrimination against migrant workers still persist despite the efforts undertaken by the international community to protect the human rights of migrant workers and members of their families,

Noting that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in its general recommendation XV (42) of 17 March 1993¹² concerning article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹³ holds that the prohibition of the dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or racial hatred is compatible with the right to freedom of opinion and expression as outlined

⁸ The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by: Belarus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Venezuela (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 3 (E/2001/23)*, chap. II, sect. A.

¹⁰ See A/CONF.189/12, chap. I.

¹¹ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

¹² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/48/18)*, chap. VIII, sect. B.

¹³ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

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in article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹⁴ and in article 5 of the Convention,

Affirming that universal adherence to and full implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination are of paramount importance for promoting equality and non-discrimination in the world,

Noting that the reports that the States parties submit under the Convention contain, inter alia, information about the causes of, as well as measures to combat, contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Noting with concern the existence of multiple discrimination, in particular against women,

Underlining the importance of urgently eliminating continuing and violent trends of racism and racial discrimination, and conscious that any form of impunity for crimes motivated by racist and xenophobic attitudes plays a role in weakening the rule of law and democracy, tends to encourage the recurrence of such crimes and requires resolute action and cooperation for its eradication,

Recognizing that failure to combat racial discrimination and xenophobia, especially by public authorities and politicians, is a factor encouraging their perpetuation in society,

Emphasizing the importance of creating conditions that foster greater harmony and tolerance within societies,

1. *Expresses its full support and appreciation* for the work of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and encourages its continuation;

2. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur to continue his exchange of views with Member States, United Nations organs and the specialized agencies, other relevant mechanisms and non-governmental organizations in order to further their effectiveness and mutual cooperation;

3. *Commends* the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for its role in the effective implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹³ which contributes to the fight against contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

4. *Urges* States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the international human rights instruments that combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in particular to accede to the

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination as a matter of urgency, with a view to achieving universal ratification by 2005 and to consider making the declaration envisaged under article 14 thereof, to comply with their reporting obligations and to publish and act upon the concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and also urges States to withdraw reservations contrary to the object and purpose of that Convention and to consider withdrawing other reservations;

5. *Urges* States to adopt and implement or strengthen national legislation and administrative measures that expressly and specifically counter racism and prohibit racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance whether direct or indirect, in all spheres of public life, in accordance with their obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, ensuring that their reservations are not contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention;

6. *Also urges* States to establish on the basis of statistical information national programmes, which may include affirmative or positive measures, to promote access by individuals and groups of individuals who are or may be victims of racial discrimination to basic social services, including primary education, basic health care and adequate housing;

7. *Condemns* the misuse of print, audio-visual and electronic media and new communication technologies, including the Internet, to incite violence motivated by racial hatred, and calls upon States to take all necessary measures to combat this form of racism in accordance with the commitments they have undertaken under the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,¹⁰ in particular paragraph 147 of the Programme of Action, in accordance with existing international and regional standards on freedom of expression, and taking all necessary measures to guarantee the right to freedom of opinion and expression;

8. *Welcomes* international consultations at the governmental level with a view to combating the misuse of the Internet for racist purposes, and stresses the importance of international law enforcement cooperation in this area;

9. *Reaffirms* that acts of violence against others stemming from racism do not constitute expressions of opinion but rather offences;

10. *Affirms* that racism and racial discrimination, and xenophobia and related intolerance, where they amount to racism and racial discrimination, constitute serious violations of and obstacles to the full enjoyment of all human rights;

11. *Calls upon* States to criminalize all forms of trafficking in persons, in particular women and children, and to condemn and penalize traffickers and intermediaries, while ensuring protection of and assistance to the victims of trafficking with full respect for their human rights;

¹⁴ Resolution 217 A (III).

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12. *Urges* States to enact and implement, as appropriate, laws against trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and smuggling of migrants, taking into account practices that endanger human lives or lead to various kinds of servitude and exploitation such as debt bondage, slavery, sexual exploitation and labour exploitation, and encourages States to create, if they do not already exist, mechanisms to combat such practices and to allocate adequate resources to ensure law enforcement and the protection of the rights of victims, and to reinforce bilateral, regional and international cooperation, inter alia, with non-governmental organizations that assist victims, to combat the trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants;

13. *Also urges* States to take all necessary measures to address specifically, through policies and programmes, racism and racially motivated violence against women and girls and to increase cooperation, policy responses and effective implementation of national legislation and of their obligations under relevant international instruments, and to take other protective and preventive measures aimed at the elimination of all forms of racially motivated discrimination and violence against women and girls;

14. *Further urges* States to mainstream a gender perspective in the design and development of measures of prevention, education and protection aimed at the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance at all levels, to ensure that they effectively target the distinct situations of women and men;

15. *Expresses its profound concern about and unequivocal condemnation* of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in particular all racist violence, including related acts of random and indiscriminate violence;

16. *Condemns* political platforms and organizations based on racism, xenophobia or doctrines of racial superiority and related discrimination, as well as legislation and practices based on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance as incompatible with democracy and transparent and accountable governance;

17. *Declares* that all human beings are born free, equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies and that any doctrine of racial superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous and must be rejected together with theories which attempt to determine the existence of separate human races;

18. *Expresses its profound concern about and unequivocal condemnation* of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including propaganda, activities, organizations and political platforms based on doctrines of racial superiority that attempt to justify or promote racism and racial discrimination in any form;

19. *Expresses its profound concern about and condemnation* of manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against and stereotyping of migrant workers and members of their families, persons belonging to minorities and members of vulnerable groups in many societies;

20. *Urges* States, including the law enforcement agencies, to design and fully implement effective policies and programmes to prevent, detect and ensure accountability for misconduct by police officers and other law enforcement personnel that is motivated by racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and to prosecute perpetrators of such misconduct;

21. *Also urges* States to design, implement and enforce effective measures to eliminate the phenomenon popularly known as "racial profiling", consisting in the practice by police and other law enforcement officers of relying to any degree on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin as the basis for subjecting persons to investigatory activities or for determining whether an individual is engaged in criminal activity;

22. *Recognizes* that members of certain groups with a distinct cultural identity face barriers arising from a complex interplay of ethnic, religious and other factors, as well as their traditions and customs, and calls upon States to ensure that measures, policies and programmes aimed at eradicating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance address the barriers that this interplay of factors creates;

23. *Calls upon* States to take all necessary measures to overcome the persistent racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the basis of indigenous origin or identity;

24. *Expresses deep concern* at the ongoing manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including violence, against Roma/Gypsies/Sinti/Travellers, and urges States to develop effective policies and implementation mechanisms for their full achievement of equality;

25. *Encourages* all States to include in their educational curricula and social programmes at all levels, as appropriate, knowledge of and tolerance and respect for foreign cultures, peoples and countries;

26. *Recognizes* that different manifestations of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia in various parts of the world require a more integrated and effective approach on the part of the relevant mechanisms of United Nations human rights machinery;

27. *Encourages* Governments to take appropriate measures to eradicate all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

28. *Underlines* the need to design, promote and implement, at the national, regional and international levels, strategies, programmes and policies and adequate legislation, which may include special and positive measures, for furthering equal social development and the realization of the civil and political, economic, social and cultural rights of all victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, inter alia, through more effective access to political, judicial and administrative institutions, and also underlines the need to promote effective access to justice as well as to guarantee that the benefits of development, science and technology contribute effectively to the improvement of the quality of life for all, without discrimination;

29. *Urges* States to adopt the necessary measures, as provided by national law, to ensure the right of victims to seek just and adequate reparation and satisfaction to redress acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and to design effective measures to prevent the repetition of such acts;

30. *Also urges* States to review and revise, where necessary, their immigration laws, policies and practices so that they are free of racial discrimination and compatible with States' obligations under international human rights instruments;

31. *Calls upon* all Governments and intergovernmental organizations, with the assistance of non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, to continue to supply relevant information to the Special Rapporteur to enable him to fulfil his mandate;

32. *Recognizes* the importance of independent national human rights institutions conforming to the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, annexed to General Assembly resolution 48/134 of 20 December 1993, and other relevant specialized institutions created by law for the promotion and protection of human rights, including ombudsman institutions, in the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as for the promotion of democratic values and the rule of law, and encourages States, as appropriate, to establish such institutions and call upon the authorities and society in general in those countries where they are performing their tasks of promotion, protection and prevention to cooperate to the maximum extent possible with those institutions, while respecting their independence;

33. *Strongly condemns* the fact that slavery and slavery-like practices still exist today in parts of the world, and urges States to take immediate measures as a matter of priority to end such practices which constitute flagrant violations of human rights;

34. *Commends* non-governmental organizations for the action they have taken against racism and racial discrimination and for the continuous support and assistance they have provided to the victims of racism and racial discrimination;

35. *Urges* all Governments to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur with a view to enabling him to fulfil his mandate, including the examination of incidents of contemporary forms of racism and racial discrimination, inter alia, against Africans and people of African descent, xenophobia, Negrophobia, Islamophobia/anti-Muslim, anti-Semitism and related intolerance;

36. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary human and financial assistance to carry out his mandate efficiently, effectively and expeditiously and to enable him to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

37. *Decides* to continue the consideration of this matter at its fifty-seventh session under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination".

RESOLUTION 56/268

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/581, para. 28)¹⁵

56/268. Measures to be taken against political platforms and activities based on doctrines of superiority and violent nationalist ideologies which are based on racial discrimination or ethnic exclusiveness and xenophobia, including neo-Nazism

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the United Nations emerged from the struggle against Nazism, fascism, aggression and foreign occupation, and that the people expressed their resolve in the Charter of the United Nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Aware of the determination proclaimed by the peoples of the world in the Charter to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Convinced that any doctrine of superiority based on racial differentiation is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous, and that there is no justification for racial discrimination, in theory or in practice, anywhere,

¹⁵ The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by: Belarus, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russian Federation.

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Welcoming the fact that the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held at Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001, condemned political platforms and organizations based on racism, xenophobia or doctrines of racial superiority and related discrimination, as well as legislation and practices based on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as incompatible with democracy and transparent and accountable governance,

Noting with regret that, in the contemporary world, there continue to exist various manifestations of neo-Nazi activities, as well as other political platforms and activities based on doctrines of superiority and violent nationalist ideologies which are based on racial discrimination or ethnic exclusiveness and xenophobia, which entail contempt for the individual or a denial of the intrinsic dignity and equality of all human beings and of equality of opportunity in the civil, political, economic and social and cultural spheres and in social justice,

Deeply alarmed at the persistence and resurgence of these phenomena, and stating that they can never be justified in any instance or under any circumstances,

Noting with concern the widening misuse by such groups and organizations of the opportunities provided by scientific and technological progress, including the Internet, to promote racist and xenophobic propaganda aimed at inciting racial hatred and to collect funds to sustain violent campaigns against multi-ethnic societies throughout the world,

Noting that the use of such technologies can also contribute to combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Expressing serious concern at the rise in many parts of the world of doctrines of superiority and violent nationalist ideologies which are based on racial discrimination or ethnic exclusiveness and xenophobia,

Particularly alarmed at the rise of such ideas in political circles, in the sphere of public opinion and in society at large,

Recognizing the important role relevant regional bodies, including regional associations of national human rights institutions, can play in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the key role they can play in monitoring and raising awareness about intolerance and discrimination at the regional level, and reaffirming support for such bodies where they exist, and encouraging their establishment,

Recalling its resolutions 2331 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2545 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 35/200 of 15 December 1980, 36/162 of 16 December 1981, 37/179 of 17 December 1982, 38/99 of 16 December 1983, 39/114 of 14 December 1984, 41/160 of 4 December 1986, 43/150 of 8 December 1988 and, in particular, resolution 55/82 of 4 December 2000,

Recalling also Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1983/28 of 7 March 1983,¹⁶ 1984/42 of 12 March 1984,¹⁷ 1985/31 of 13 March 1985,¹⁸ 1986/61 of 13 March 1986,¹⁹ 1988/63 of 10 March 1988²⁰ and 1990/46 of 6 March 1990,²¹ and taking note of Commission resolutions 2001/5 and 2001/43 of 18 and 23 April 2001,²²

Taking into consideration the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to the Commission on Human Rights,²³

1. *Remains convinced* that political platforms and activities based on doctrines of superiority and violent nationalist ideologies which are based on racial discrimination or ethnic exclusiveness and xenophobia, including neo-Nazism, must be condemned as incompatible with democracy and accountable governance;

2. *Expresses its determination* to resist such political platforms and activities which can undermine the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and of equality of opportunity;

3. *Urges* States to take all available measures in accordance with their obligations under international human rights instruments to combat political platforms and activities based on doctrines of superiority and violent nationalist ideologies which are based on racial discrimination or ethnic exclusiveness and xenophobia;

4. *Calls upon* States to undertake and facilitate activities aimed at educating young people in human rights and democratic citizenship and instilling values of solidarity, respect and appreciation of diversity, including respect for different groups, and affirms that a special effort to inform and sensitize young people with regard to democratic values and human rights should be undertaken or developed to fight against ideologies based on the fallacious theory of racial superiority;

5. *Urges* all States to consider the adoption, as a matter of high priority, of appropriate measures consistent with their

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3 and corrigendum (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, 1984, *Supplement No. 4 and corrigendum (E/1984/14 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, 1985, *Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22), chap. II, sect. A.*

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 1986, *Supplement No. 2 (E/1986/22), chap. II, sect. A.*

²⁰ *Ibid.*, 1988, *Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1988/12 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.*

²¹ *Ibid.*, 1990, *Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.*

²² *Ibid.*, 2001, *Supplement No. 3 (E/2001/23), chap. II, sect. A.*

²³ E/CN.4/2001/21 and Corr.1.

national legal systems and in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,²⁴ the International Covenants on Human Rights²⁵ and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,²⁶ to eradicate activities that lead to violence and condemn any dissemination of ideas based on doctrines of superiority and violent nationalist ideologies which are based on racial discrimination or ethnic exclusiveness and xenophobia, including neo-Nazism;

6. *Expresses support* for the activities of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and calls upon all States to cooperate with him;

7. *Requests the* Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Member States and relevant human rights bodies and mechanisms of the United Nations system.

²⁴ Resolution 217 A (III).

²⁵ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

²⁶ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

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RESOLUTION 56/214 B

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/722/Add.1),¹ by a recorded vote of 121 to 2, with no abstentions

In favour: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: None

56/214. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

B²

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon³ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

Recalling Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1391 (2002) of 28 January 2002,

Recalling also its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/214 A of 21 December 2001,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997, 52/237 of 26 June 1998, 53/227 of 8 June 1999, 54/267 of

15 June 2000, 55/180 A of 19 December 2000, 55/180 B of 14 June 2001 and 56/214 A,

Reaffirming also the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 112.8 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only twenty-seven Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

3. *Expresses its deep concern* that Israel did not comply with General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B and 56/214 A;

4. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B and 56/214 A;

5. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

6. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by Venezuela (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

² Consequently, resolution 56/214 in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49 and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I) Corr.1)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 56/214 A.

³ A/56/822 and A/56/893.

⁴ A/56/887 and Add.7.

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

13. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of its resolution 51/233, paragraph 5 of its resolution 52/237, paragraph 11 of its resolution 53/227, paragraph 14 of its resolution 54/267, paragraph 14 of its resolution 55/180 A, paragraph 15 of its resolution 55/180 B and paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 A, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,284,633 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the Assembly at its resumed fifty-seventh session;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;⁶

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 117,123,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 112,042,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 4,537,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 543,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 117,123,800 dollars at a monthly rate of 9,760,317 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,307,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, at a monthly rate of 358,967 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,641,300 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 617,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 48,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

18. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 23,343,100 dollars and their respective share of other income of 12,482,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

19. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 23,343,100 dollars and other income of 12,482,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

20. *Decides further* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 420,200 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

⁵ A/56/887/Add.7.

⁶ A/56/822.

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

RESOLUTION 56/233 B

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/651/Add.1)⁷

56/233. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

B⁸

The General Assembly,

Having considered the financial report and audited financial statements for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations peacekeeping operations,⁹ the related section of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations for that period,¹¹

1. *Accepts* the audited financial statements on the United Nations peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;⁹

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;¹²

⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

⁸ Consequently, resolution 56/233, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I/Corr.1), vol. I, becomes resolution 56/233 A.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/56/5)*, vol. II.

¹⁰ A/56/887, para. 11.

¹¹ A/56/66/Add.2.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/56/5)*, vol. II, chap. II.

3. *Takes note* of the observations and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁰

4. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001;¹¹

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that internal control in peacekeeping missions is improved, in particular with respect to the reconciliation of bank accounts and procurement activities;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and of the Advisory Committee in a prompt and timely manner.

RESOLUTIONS 56/240 C to E

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/735/Add.1)¹³

56/240. Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

C¹⁴

FINAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2000–2001

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final appropriation for the biennium 2000–2001¹⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁶

2. *Requests* the Board of Auditors, when auditing the accounts of the United Nations for the biennium 2000–2001, to pay particular attention to expenditure sections with overexpenditures which were approved in General Assembly resolution 56/240 A of 24 December 2001 as well as sections with large amounts of unliquidated obligations to ensure their validity;

3. *Resolves* that for the biennium 2000–2001, the revised appropriation and commitment authority totalling 2,561,578,000 United States dollars approved in its resolution 56/240 A of shall be decreased by 391,100 dollars as follows, resulting in a final appropriation of 2,561,186,900 dollars:

¹³ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁴ For resolutions 56/240 A and B, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I/Corr.1), vol. I, sect. VI.

¹⁵ A/56/866.

¹⁶ A/56/868.

IV. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

Section		Revised appropriation and the commitment authority approved in General Assembly resolution 56/240 A	Increase/ (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
Part I.	<i>Overall policy-making, direction and coordination</i>			
	1. Overall policy-making direction and coordination	45 469 800	257 500	45 727 300
	2. General Assembly affairs and conference services	445 868 700	898 800	446 767 500
	Total, part I	491 338 500	1 156 300	492 494 800
Part II.	<i>Political affairs</i>			
	3. Political affairs	161 749 000	(3 185 700)	158 563 300
	4. Disarmament	14 165 900	(378 600)	13 787 300
	5. Peacekeeping operations	70 816 400	(916 800)	69 899 600
	6. Peaceful uses of outer space	3 449 900	(79 900)	3 370 000
	Total, part II	250 181 200	(4 561 000)	245 620 200
Part III.	<i>International justice and law</i>			
	7. International Court of Justice	22 248 700	(62 300)	22 186 400
	8. Legal affairs	33 537 400	(234 400)	33 303 000
	Total, part III	55 786 100	(296 700)	55 489 400
Part IV.	<i>International cooperation for development</i>			
	9. Economic and social affairs	114 150 400	137 800	114 288 200
	10. Africa: New Agenda for Development	5 218 600	(145 500)	5 073 100
	11A. Trade and development	82 499 800	(62 700)	82 437 100
	11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	17 256 800	(417 300)	16 839 500
	12. Environment	8 596 800	(85 200)	8 511 600
	13. Human settlements	14 905 200	(90 200)	14 815 000
	14. Crime prevention and criminal justice	4 825 200	(100)	4 825 100
	15. International drug control	14 027 700	(1 200)	14 026 500
	Total, part IV	261 480 500	(664 400)	260 816 100
Part V.	<i>Regional cooperation for development</i>			
	16. Economic and social development in Africa	71 481 500	554 100	72 035 600
	17. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	53 899 900	(554 200)	53 345 700
	18. Economic development in Europe	39 163 100	(400)	39 162 700
	19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	76 872 000	(35 900)	76 836 100
	20. Economic and social development in Western Asia	45 698 200	31 300	45 729 500
	21. Regular programme of technical cooperation	41 210 400	(136 700)	41 073 700
	Total, part V	328 325 100	(141 800)	328 183 300
Part VI.	<i>Human rights and humanitarian affairs</i>			
	22. Human rights	38 965 300	(908 900)	38 056 400
	23. Protection of and assistance to refugees	40 385 300	14 600	40 399 900
	24. Palestine refugees	24 314 700	(335 400)	23 979 300
	25. Humanitarian assistance	18 394 100	(100)	18 394 000
	Total, part VI	122 059 400	(1 229 800)	120 829 600

IV. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

Section		Revised appropriation and the commitment authority approved in General Assembly resolution 56/240 A	Increase/ (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
Part VII.	<i>Public information</i>			
	26. Public information	141 282 100	(145 900)	141 136 200
	Total, part VII	141 282 100	(145 900)	141 136 200
Part VIII.	<i>Common support services</i>			
	27. Management and central support services	437 961 000	1 638 800	439 599 800
	A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	11 374 100	125 400	11 499 500
	B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	22 762 500	(39 000)	22 723 500
	C. Office of Human Resources Management	49 166 600	(74 500)	49 092 100
	D. Office of Central Support Services	230 721 500	1 765 700	232 487 200
	E. Administration, Geneva	84 897 700	(6 900)	84 890 800
	F. Administration, Vienna	23 851 900	(115 900)	23 736 000
	G. Administration, Nairobi	15 186 700	(16 000)	15 170 700
	Total, part VIII	437 961 000	1 638 800	439 599 800
Part IX.	<i>Internal oversight</i>			
	28. Internal oversight	18 256 800	218 700	18 475 500
	Total, part IX	18 256 800	218 700	18 475 500
Part X.	<i>Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses</i>			
	29. Jointly financed administrative activities	7 605 100	(113 200)	7 491 900
	30. Special expenses	53 376 200	896 000	54 272 200
	Total, part X	60 981 300	782 800	61 764 100
Part XI.	<i>Capital expenditures</i>			
	31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	49 401 600	(1 533 100)	47 868 500
	Total, part XI	49 401 600	(1 533 100)	47 868 500
Part XII.	<i>Staff assessment</i>			
	32. Staff assessment	331 459 400	4 385 000	335 844 400
	Total, part XII	331 459 400	4 385 000	335 844 400
Part XIII.	<i>Development Account</i>			
	33. Development Account	13 065 000	—	13 065 000
	Total, part XIII	13 065 000	—	13 065 000
	Grand total	2 561 578 000	(391 100)	2 561 186 900

D

FINAL INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2000-2001

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2000-2001:

(a) The provisional estimates of income of 379,673,500 United States dollars approved by its resolution 56/240 B of 24 December 2001 shall be increased by 3,741,700 dollars as follows:

Income section	Provisional estimate approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/240 B	Increase/ (decrease)	Income estimate
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	335 029 100	4 840 700	339 869 800
Total, income section 1	335 029 100	4 840 700	339 869 800
2. General income	43 725 700	605 600	44 331 300
3. Services to the public	918 700	(1 704 600)	(785 900)
Total, income sections 2 and 3	44 644 400	(1 099 000)	43 545 400
Grand total	379 673 500	3 741 700	383 415 200

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

E

FINANCING OF THE FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2000-2001

The General Assembly

Decides that for the biennium 2000-2001, the required additional assessment (32,213,600 United States dollars gross, or 25,469,000 dollars net) will be taken into account in the context of determining regular budget assessments for the year 2003 at the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, consistent with the provisions of regulation 5.2 (a) and (b) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, and invites the Committee on Contributions to proffer its recommendations on the appropriate scale of assessments to be used, in keeping with the provisions of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations.

RESOLUTION 56/243 B

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/728/Add.1)¹⁷

56/243. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

B¹⁸

The General Assembly,

Having considered the letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly,¹⁹

1. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions to consider the issues raised in the letter from the Secretary-General¹⁹ and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

2. *Decides* to consider the matter at its fifty-seventh session, taking into account the views of the Committee thereon.

RESOLUTION 56/247 E

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/730/Add.1)²⁰

56/247. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

B²¹

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International

Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991,²²

Having also considered the revised estimates resulting from the strengthening of the role of internal oversight services at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2002–2003,²³

Having further considered the relevant reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁴

Recalling its resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/247 A of 24 December 2001,

1. *Reaffirms* the provisions contained in its resolution 56/247 A, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Approves* the staffing table for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002–2003, as recommended by the Advisory Committee, except that there shall be no additional trial preparatory team, as described in paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee,²⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Committee in the annual performance report on the impact of this arrangement;

4. *Also approves* resources for the continuation of oversight functions at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the remainder of the biennium 2002–2003 in the amount of 430,300 United States dollars gross (312,700 dollars net);

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to address accountability, management and efficiency problems at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and to report to the General Assembly on the measures taken;

6. *Pegrets* the delay in the issuance of the comprehensive report on the results of the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International

¹⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁸ Consequently, resolution 56/243, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I)/Corr.1), vol. I, becomes resolution 56/243 A.

¹⁹ A/56/767.

²⁰ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

²¹ Consequently, resolution 56/247, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I)/Corr.1), vol. I, becomes resolution 56/247 A.

²² A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

²³ A/C.5/56/30 and Add.1.

²⁴ A/56/665 and A/56/717; see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 43rd meeting* (A/C.5/56/SR.43), and corrigendum.

²⁵ A/56/665

IV. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Tribunal for Rwanda, and reiterates the request for the submission of the report for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

7. *Decides* on a revised appropriation for the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia of a total amount of 248,926,200 dollars gross (223,169,800 dollars net) for the biennium 2002–2003;

8. *Decides also* to review assessments at its fifty-seventh session in the context of the annual performance report.

RESOLUTION 56/248 B

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/731/Add.1)²⁶

56/248. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

B²⁷

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,²⁸

Having also considered the revised estimates resulting from the strengthening of the role of internal oversight services at the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002–2003,²⁹

Having further considered the relevant reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁰

Recalling its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995 on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/248 A of 24 December 2001,

1. *Reaffirms* the provisions contained in its resolution 56/248 A, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Approves* the staffing table for the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2002–2003, as recommended by the Advisory Committee;

4. *Also approves* resources for the continuation of oversight functions at the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the remainder of the biennium 2002–2003 in the amount of 493,300 United States dollars gross (398,800 dollars net);

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to address accountability, management and efficiency problems at the International Tribunal for Rwanda and to report to the General Assembly on the measures taken;

6. *Regrets* the delay in the issuance of the comprehensive report on the results of the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group to Conduct a Review of the Effective Operation and Functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Tribunal for Rwanda, and reiterates the request for the submission of the report for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the completion of the report on the likely long-term financial obligations of the United Nations with regard to the enforcement of sentences for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

8. *Decides* on a revised appropriation for the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Rwanda of a total amount of 197,127,300 dollars gross (177,739,400 dollars net) for the biennium 2002–2003;

9. *Decides also* to review assessments at its fifty-seventh session in the context of the annual performance report.

²⁶ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

²⁷ Consequently, resolution 56/248, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I)/Corr.1), vol. I, becomes resolution 56/248 A.

²⁸ A/56/497 and Add.1.

²⁹ A/C.5/56/30 and Add.1.

³⁰ A/56/666 and A/56/717; see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 43rd meeting* (A/C.5/56/SR.43), and corrigendum.

RESOLUTION 56/250 B

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/714/Add.1)³¹

56/250. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

B³²

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea³³ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁴

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1398 (2002) of 15 March 2002,

Recalling its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/250 A of 24 December 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 56.6 million United States dollars, representing some 14 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventeen Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member

States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001,³⁶

³¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

³² Consequently, resolution 56/250 in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49 and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I)/Corr.1)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 56/250 A.

³³ A/56/840 and A/56/862.

³⁴ A/56/887 and Add.9.

³⁵ A/56/887/Add.9.

³⁶ A/56/840.

12. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Mission with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

Budget estimates for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea the amount of 230,845,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 220,830,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 8,943,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,071,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 230,845,300 dollars at a monthly rate of 19,237,108 dollars in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5B of the same date, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,328,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, at a monthly rate of 444,067 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,015,400 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 1,217,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 95,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

16. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 25,084,200 dollars and their respective share of other income of 858,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and

taking into account the scale of assessments for 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

17. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 25,084,200 dollars and other income of 858,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Decides further* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 679,700 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above;

19. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping operation shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping operations;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in peacekeeping operations;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

Annex

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea until payment is effected.

2. In addition:

(a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for provision of goods and services rendered but not yet verified as well as other obligations owed to Governments for which claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period as well as approved verification reports shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

RESOLUTION 56/251 B

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/712/Add.1).³⁷

56/251. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

B³⁸

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone³⁹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁰

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1400 (2002) of 28 March 2002,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 56/251 A of 24 December 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 120.6 million United States dollars, representing some 9 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴¹ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

³⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

³⁸ Consequently, resolution 56/251, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I)/Corr.1), vol. I, becomes resolution 56/251 A.

³⁹ A/56/833 and A/56/855.

⁴⁰ A/56/887 and Add.3.

⁴¹ A/56/887/Add.3.

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that no commercial alternative for transportation for official purposes is available before contracting services for the provision of executive jets;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;⁴²

13. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation authorized for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 under the terms of resolutions 54/241 B of 15 June 2000 and 55/251 A of 12 April 2001 from 577,672,651 dollars to 541,035,851 dollars, the amount apportioned among Member States in respect of the same period;

14. *Decides also* to approve the increase in the estimated staff assessment income for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 from 7,342,790 dollars to 7,598,190 dollars;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

15. *Decides further* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone the amount of 699,838,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 669,476,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 27,113,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,248,300 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 532,469,200 dollars at a monthly rate of 44,372,433 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

17. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 9,004,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, at a monthly rate of 750,350 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 5,022,900 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 3,692,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 289,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

18. *Decides further* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 20,301,551 dollars and their respective share of other income of 14,650,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

19. *Decides* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 20,301,551 dollars and other income of 14,650,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides also* that the increase in the staff assessment income of 192,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

⁴² A/56/833.

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

RESOLUTIONS 56/252 B and C

56/252. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Resolution B

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/713/Add.1)⁴³

B⁴⁴

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002⁴⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁶

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1376 (2001) of 9 November 2001,

Recalling its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 as well as subsequent resolutions on the financing of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 56/252 A of 24 December 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Reiterates* paragraph 1 of its resolution 55/275 of 14 June 2001;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 31 January 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 294.8 million United States dollars, representing some 75 per cent of the total assessed contributions, expresses concern that only 2 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources for some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁶ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into consideration the concerns and options referred to in paragraph 99 of the report of the Advisory Committee and any other relevant options that may arise, and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly for its consideration during the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit, as a matter of priority, to the General Assembly during the second

⁴³ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

⁴⁴ Consequently, resolution 56/252, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I) Corr.1), vol. I, becomes resolution 56/252 A.

⁴⁵ A/56/660.

⁴⁶ A/56/845.

part of its resumed fifty-sixth session, the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit it recently conducted regarding the award of the current contract on air services to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

14. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 56,757,600 dollars gross (57,229,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, in addition to the amount of 405,717,014 dollars gross (396,667,307 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2001 to 31 March 2002, inclusive of the amount of 11,611,699 dollars gross (10,347,914 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 862,915 dollars gross (774,893 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base appropriated and assessed by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/275 and 56/252 A;

15. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 405,717,014 dollars gross (396,667,307 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2001 to 31 March 2002 in accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 55/275 and 56/252 A, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 56,757,600 dollars gross (57,229,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

16. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated decrease in the staff assessment income of 471,700 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

17. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

19. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to

the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

20. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

Resolution C

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/713/Add.2)⁴⁷

C

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo⁴⁸ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁹

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding respectively, the deployment to the Congo region of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1417 (2002) of 14 June 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000, as well as subsequent resolutions on the financing of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 56/252 B of 27 March 2002,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 102.8 million United

⁴⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

⁴⁸ A/56/825 and Corr.1 and A/56/897.

⁴⁹ A/56/887 and Add.11.

States dollars, representing some 14.7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, expresses concern that some 20 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the status of the airfield services contract for the Mission,⁵⁰ and urges the timely and full implementation of the action plan contained therein;

10. *Takes note also* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of a contract for the provision of airfield services in the Mission;⁵¹

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report further on the status of the airfield services contract in the Mission to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

12. *Reaffirms* the relevant provisions of its resolutions 55/232 of 23 December 2000 and 55/247 of 12 April 2001;

13. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on

Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵² and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, particularly with regard to air transport;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

16. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Mission with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistical support to the Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance report of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;⁵³

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 41 million dollars, as previously authorized and apportioned under the terms of its resolution 55/275 of 14 June 2001;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

19. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 608,325,264 dollars for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 581,933,464 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 23,568,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 2,823,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

20. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 608,325,264 dollars at a monthly rate of 50,693,772 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date;

⁵⁰ A/56/938.

⁵¹ A/56/906.

⁵² A/56/887/Add.11.

⁵³ A/56/825 and Corr.1.

21. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 13,105,200 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 1,092,100 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,644,200 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 3,209,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 251,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

22. *Decides also* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 26,647,600 dollars and other income of 4,136,000 dollars in respect of the period ending 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

23. *Decides further* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 26,647,600 dollars and other income of 4,136,000 dollars in respect of the period ending 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 above;

24. *Decides* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 20,300 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraphs 22 and 23 above;

25. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

26. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

27. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

28. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

Annex

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations for the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo until payment is effected.

2. In addition:

(a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for provision of goods and services rendered but not yet verified as well as other obligations owed to Governments for which claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period as well as approved verification reports shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

RESOLUTION 56/254 D

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.1)⁵⁴

56/254. Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

D⁵⁵

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 56/242, 56/253, and 56/254 A to C of 24 December 2001,

⁵⁴ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

⁵⁵ For resolutions 56/254 A to C, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/56/49 and A/56/49 (Vol. I) Corr.1), vol. I, sect. VI.

Reaffirming also the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, inter alia, rule 47,

1. *Notes with concern the implementation of the measures outlined in the note verbale from the Secretary-General dated 28 February 2002 and in the information circular concerning budget constraints and support service reductions⁵⁶ in relation to reductions in certain areas that directly affect services provided to Member States;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to implement the aforementioned resolutions in a way that does not adversely affect the services provided to Member States, in accordance with the current budgetary procedures, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation⁵⁷ and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;*

3. *Stresses the need for the Secretary-General to implement all General Assembly resolutions in a transparent and non-selective manner;*

4. *Notes the importance of appropriate provision of conference support services to the bodies and committees of the Organization and to regional groups in accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/242, and in this context requests the Secretary-General to minimize the adverse effect of any changes in the existing and established practice with respect to the provision and availability of conference servicing resulting from the implementation of the measures outlined in his note verbale dated 28 February 2002 and outlined in the information circular;*

5. *Requests the Secretary-General to restore immediately Internet services, including web hosting, e-mail and support services, to permanent missions, utilizing the resources released as a result of resolution 56/272 of 27 March 2002 on the comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, and to reflect the necessary transfers among sections of the budget in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, to be submitted at the fifty-seventh session;*

6. *Also requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals to implement the provisions of resolution 56/242 within the resources specified in resolution 56/254 A for consideration and action during the second part of the fifty-sixth session;*

7. *Decides to consider these matters further in the context of the first performance report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.*

⁵⁶ ST/IC/2002/13.

⁵⁷ ST/SGB/2000/8.

RESOLUTION 56/270

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/653/Add.1)⁵⁸

56/270. Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa⁵⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁰

1. *Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;⁶⁰*

2. *Approves the utilization of an amount of 7,711,800 United States dollars for the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, to be financed within the available balance of the construction-in-progress account;*

3. *Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on an annual basis on progress made in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, bearing in mind the views and recommendations contained in paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee.*

RESOLUTION 56/271

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/653/Add.1)⁶¹

56/271. Integrated Management Information System

The General Assembly,

Having considered the thirteenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System project⁶² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶³

⁵⁸ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

⁵⁹ A/56/672.

⁶⁰ A/56/711.

⁶¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

⁶² A/56/602 and Add.1.

⁶³ A/56/684.

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;⁶³

2. *Approves* the utilization of an amount of 5,634,700 United States dollars of interest accrued under the Integrated Management Information System Fund from the investment income available at 30 June 2001 to meet the requirements of the Integrated Management Information System relating to the activities detailed in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, in the context of the proposed programme budget, under the corresponding section of the budget, on progress in the development and implementation of the Integrated Management Information System, including ways in which the System has reduced and will continue to reduce administrative processes and how these reductions have affected the programmatic work of the Organization, and to submit a concise update in non-budget years;

4. *Recalls* its resolution 56/239 of 24 December 2001 on information technology, and notes that the Integrated Management Information System must be an integral part of the comprehensive strategy for the development and implementation of information technology, a single report on which will be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

5. *Recalls also* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁶³ and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, in the report mentioned in paragraph 4 above, a schedule for the introduction and implementation of the Integrated Management Information System in peacekeeping missions and the International Tribunals.

RESOLUTION 56/272

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/653/Add.1)⁶⁴

56/272. Comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat on the comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations,⁶⁵

1. *Decides*, with effect from 6 April 2002, to set at a level of one United States dollar per year all honorariums currently payable on an exceptional basis to the members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the appropriation adjustments required as a consequence of the present resolution and the related transfers in respect of the provision of Internet services as set out in paragraph 5 of resolution 56/254 D of 27 March 2002, and to do so in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003 to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

RESOLUTION 56/273

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/653/Add.1)⁶⁶

56/273. Standards of accommodation for air travel

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel;⁶⁷

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its reports;⁶⁸

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit annual reports on standards of accommodation for air travel to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to improve coordination among the various departments in order to expedite settlement of travel reimbursement claims;

5. *Emphasizes* that all travel reimbursement claims must, to the extent possible, be settled within 30 working days of their submission.

⁶⁴ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

⁶⁵ A/54/382, A/55/488 and A/56/426.

⁶⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/56/7)*, chap. I, paras. 127–129; and A/56/630.

⁶⁴ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

⁶⁵ A/56/311.

RESOLUTIONS 56/274 A and B

Resolution B

56/274. Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized**Resolution A**

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.1)⁶⁹

A*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized⁷⁰ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷¹

Recalling its resolution 56/255 of 24 December 2001, in which it approved a charge totalling 11,113,400 United States dollars against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003,⁷²

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized,⁷⁰ and concurs with the observations and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;⁷³

2. *Approves* the charge of 41,458,500 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 11,113,400 dollars approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/255 for the 19 special political missions dealt with in the reports of the Secretary-General against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;⁷²

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the special political missions are administered with the maximum of efficiency and economy.

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.2)⁷⁴

B*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized,⁷⁵ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁷⁶ and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Fifth Committee,⁷⁷

Recalling its resolution 56/274 A of 27 March 2002, in which it approved a charge totalling 41,458,500 United States dollars against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003,⁷⁸

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized,⁷⁵ and concurs with the observations and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report⁷⁶ and in the oral statement by its Chairman;⁷⁷

2. *Approves* the charge of 34,303,300 dollars for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan against the balance remaining of the provision for special political missions appropriated under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;⁷⁹

3. *Also approves*, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an additional appropriation of 10,563,100 dollars for the two political missions discussed in the reports of the Secretary-General, comprising 8,707,400 dollars for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and 1,855,700 dollars for the United Nations Tajikistan Office of Peace-building;

4. *Further approves* an appropriation of 4,165,800 dollars, comprising 3,929,500 dollars in respect of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and 236,300 dollars

⁶⁹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

⁷⁰ A/C.5/56/25 and Add.1–3.

⁷¹ A/56/7/Add.5–8. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

⁷² A/56/6 (Sect. 3).

⁷³ See A/56/7/Add.8, para. 24. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

⁷⁴ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

⁷⁵ A/C.5/56/25/Add.4 and 5.

⁷⁶ A/56/7/Add.10. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

⁷⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 59th meeting (A/C.5/56/SR.59)*, and corrigendum.

⁷⁸ A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 (Introduction, sections 1–33, and Income sections 1–3); see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/56/6/Add.2)*.

in respect of the United Nations Tajikistan Office of Peace-building, under section 32, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003,⁷⁹ to be offset by a corresponding amount in income section 1, Income from staff assessment.⁷⁸

RESOLUTION 56/275

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.1)⁷⁹

56/275. Documentation availability in six languages on the United Nations web site

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the simultaneous availability of parliamentary documentation in electronic form in the six official languages on the United Nations web site,⁸⁰

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General.⁸⁰

RESOLUTION 56/276

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.1)⁸¹

56/276. Review of public information activities in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of public information activities in the United Nations Secretariat outside the Department of Public Information,⁸²

1. *Notes* the report of the Secretary-General,⁸² and looks forward to the submission to the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the comprehensive review referred to in paragraph 150 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, along with the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Information and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Decides* that the comprehensive review referred to in paragraph 1 above should address also the language versions of publications issued outside the Department of Public Information.

⁷⁹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

⁸⁰ A/C.5/56/12.

⁸¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

⁸² A/C.5/56/17.

RESOLUTION 56/277

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.1)⁸³

56/277. Documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat on the languages used for the preparation of documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,⁸⁴

1. *Recalls* its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001;

2. *Urges* the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to comply with all relevant provisions of Commission resolution 44 (IV) of 28 April 1977,⁸⁵ whereby it decided, inter alia, that all documents to be submitted to it should, as far as possible, be drafted in Arabic;

3. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretariat,⁸⁴ and looks forward to the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the production of documents and publications in Arabic requested in paragraph 124 of its resolution 56/253 for consideration at the fifty-seventh session.

RESOLUTION 56/278

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/881)⁸⁶

56/278. Follow-up investigation into possible fee-splitting arrangements between defence counsel and indigent detainees at the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/250 of 12 April 2001,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the follow-up investigation into possible fee-splitting arrangements between defence counsel and indigent detainees at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law

⁸³ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

⁸⁴ A/C.5/56/19.

⁸⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/5969)*, chap. III.

⁸⁶ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 and the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;⁸⁷

2. *Expresses concern* at the findings set out in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full and expeditious implementation of the recommendations contained in the report;⁸⁷

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow up further on the investigation expeditiously, with a view to ensuring that errant officials are held accountable.

RESOLUTION 56/279

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/734/Add.1)⁸⁸

56/279. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations system common services at Geneva

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/255 of 7 April 2000,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system common services at Geneva, part II: Case studies (ICC, JMS, TES, DPS, JPS)",⁸⁹ and the note by the Secretary-General⁹⁰ transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination⁹¹ thereon,

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General⁹² submitted pursuant to paragraph 9 of its resolution 54/255,

Having further considered the information contained in the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹³

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit⁸⁹ and the comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon;⁹⁰

2. *Reiterates* that the use of common services at Geneva should be one of many tools available to organizations and managers to obtain goods and services in the most efficient and effective manner;

3. *Encourages* the organizations concerned, in their continuing efforts further to expand areas of cooperative arrangements, to give priority to those services that lend themselves to common delivery using the criteria of efficiency, productivity and cost effectiveness and, where feasible, to take into account the recommendations contained in the report of the Unit,⁸⁹ bearing in mind also the distinct mandates, roles, tasks and rules of each individual participating organization;

4. *Welcomes* the comments and views contained in the relevant paragraphs of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹³ in particular regarding telecommunications and information technology services, conference services, printing and publishing, as well as general administration;

5. *Notes* the efforts made to date by the Geneva-based organizations of the United Nations system for the enhancement of common services, and encourages them to pursue, with a more structured approach, the improvement of existing common services and the development of new common approaches, within the framework of the Management Ownership Committee and the Task Force on Common Services and its working groups;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the Management Ownership Committee, when determining the scope and pace of implementation of common services arrangements at Geneva, to adopt streamlined consultation procedures that would promote timely agreement on which services should be delivered in common or jointly, with a view to the possible full launching of the plan of action for Geneva common services earlier than the targeted year of 2010;

7. *Invites* the Unit to continue to monitor progress in the development and consolidation of common services at Geneva, and at other duty stations where the United Nations system offices and agencies are established, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session in the context of its annual report;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

⁸⁷ See A/56/836.

⁸⁸ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

⁸⁹ See A/55/856.

⁹⁰ A/55/856/Add.1.

⁹¹ The Administrative Committee on Coordination was renamed the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321 of 24 October 2001.

⁹² A/56/417/Rev.1.

⁹³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/56/7), chap. I, sect. E.14, para. 124 and chap. II, sect. A, paras. 1.68 and VIII.97-VIII.103.

IV. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

RESOLUTION 56/280

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/734/Add.1)⁹⁴

56/280. Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/252 of 8 September 1998 and 55/221 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General,⁹⁵

Adopts the draft regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, together with the explanatory commentary, as set out in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,⁹⁶ subject to the following modifications:

(a) Regulation 1 (a):

(i) Insert in paragraph 3 of the commentary, after the words "General Assembly", the words "or other relevant main bodies and organs of the United Nations";

(ii) Delete paragraph 4 of the commentary and renumber paragraph 5 as paragraph 4;

(b) Regulation 1 (b):

Add the following sentence at the end of the commentary:

"In view of the system-wide functions of the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit, the term 'United Nations' in the written declaration will be replaced by the words 'United Nations and other participating organizations' and the word 'Organization' will be replaced by the word 'organizations' in the case of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the Inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit";

(c) Add the following sentence at the end of regulation 1 (e):

"The Secretary-General should inform and may take into account the views of the legislative bodies that appointed the officials or experts on mission";

(d) Insert a new regulation 1 (f), reading:

"These regulations are applicable to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the Inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit, without prejudice to and in accordance with the statutes of the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit which stipulate that these officials perform their functions in respect of the United Nations and other organizations which accept their statutes";

(e) Add the following sentence at the end of regulation 2 (i):

"It will be for the Secretary-General, in due consultation with the appointing authority in the case of officials not appointed by the Secretary-General, to judge whether a particular fact has given rise to a conflict-of-interest situation".

RESOLUTION 56/284

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/653/Add.2)⁹⁷

56/284. Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund⁹⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹⁹

Notes the report of the Secretary-General on the relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

⁹⁴ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

⁹⁵ A/55/928 and A/56/437.

⁹⁶ A/56/437.

⁹⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

⁹⁸ A/C.5/52/42.

⁹⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/53/7 and Add.1-15), document A/53/7/Add.9.*

RESOLUTION 56/285

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.2)¹⁰⁰

56/285. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Recalling section VIII of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998 on the conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, and its resolution 55/249 of 12 April 2001 on the conditions of service and compensation for the ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia,

Reiterating paragraph 6 of section III of its resolution 56/242 of 24 December 2001,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰²

Reaffirming the general principle that the terms and conditions of service for the judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda shall be those of the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia,

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report¹⁰² with regard to the emoluments, the special allowance of the President and for the Vice-President when acting as President, the education grant, pensions and other conditions of service of the members of the International Court of Justice, the judges of the International

Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, without prejudice to the existing rules governing the conditions of service of the judges of the Tribunals;

2. *Decides* that the conditions of service and remuneration for the members of the International Court of Justice and the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia shall next be reviewed at its fifty-ninth session.

RESOLUTION 56/286

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.2)¹⁰³

56/286. Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001,

Reaffirming its resolution 55/232 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises,¹⁰⁴

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰⁵

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,¹⁰⁵ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Reaffirms* the agreements between the United Nations and the host countries regarding Headquarters and other United Nations offices;

3. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 57,785,300 United States dollars (net of staff assessments) for the implementation of the measures contained in the report of the Secretary-General to strengthen the security and safety of United Nations premises, under the following sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003:¹⁰⁶ 85,600 dollars under

¹⁰⁰ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁰¹ A/C.5/56/14.

¹⁰² A/56/7/Add.2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

¹⁰³ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁰⁴ A/56/848.

¹⁰⁵ A/56/7/Add.9. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

¹⁰⁶ A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 (Introduction, sections 1–33 and Income sections 1–3); see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/56/6/Add.2)*.

section 16, Economic and social development in Africa; 591,700 dollars under section 17, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific; 232,000 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean; 1,045,000 dollars under section 20, Economic and social development in Western Asia; 458,600 dollars under section 27C, Office of Human Resources Management; 9,144,200 dollars under section 27D, Office of Central Support Services; 2,052,500 dollars under section 27E, Administration, Geneva; 370,600 dollars under section 27F, Administration, Vienna; 327,200 dollars under section 27G, Administration, Nairobi; 1,647,000 dollars under section 30, Special expenses; 41,830,900 dollars under section 31, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance; 1,574,900 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount (1,574,900 dollars) of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

4. *Affirms* that the above appropriations include one-time requirements for upgrading the physical and security infrastructures;

5. *Notes* the concerns expressed on the formulation of some parts of the report¹⁰⁴ on the security situation in some countries, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate care and attention is given to the language of reports on sensitive subjects;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the progress in the implementation of these measures at the main part of its fifty-seventh session;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all possible measures to ensure that the work within the projects approved for Headquarters under the present resolution be integrated with the capital master plan to the extent possible, once the further decisions on the capital master plan are taken by the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 56/287

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.2)¹⁰⁷

56/287. Implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/242

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 16 April 2002,¹⁰⁸

1. *Reaffirms* General Assembly resolution 56/242 of 24 December 2001, in which it approved the calendar of

conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2002–2003, and its resolution 56/254 D of 27 March 2002;

2. *Notes with concern* the negative impact on some aspects of the smooth functioning of the United Nations following the implementation of the measures contained in the note verbale of the Secretary-General dated 28 February 2002;

3. *Reaffirms its request* to the Secretary-General to provide adequate conference services to regional group meetings in accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/242;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/242, utilizing the following options:

(a) Absorbing the additional workload within the capacity of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and the Department of Management;

(b) Utilizing the savings generated as a result of the implementation of the calendar of conferences and meetings as approved in General Assembly resolution 56/242;

(c) Delaying the implementation of certain non-substantive activities within the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and the Department of Management;

(d) Submitting proposals for reprogramming the activities of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and the Department of Management related to conference and support services, for the consideration and approval of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 56/288

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/736/Add.2)¹⁰⁹

56/288. Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 55/232 of 23 December 2000 and 56/242 and 56/253 of 24 December 2001,

¹⁰⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁰⁸ A/56/919.

¹⁰⁹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)¹¹⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹¹

1. *Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹¹*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of conference and support services to the Counter-Terrorism Committee, without adversely affecting other conference services;*

3. *Invites the Security Council to ensure that the proceedings of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and other subsidiary bodies of the Council that require conference servicing are conducted with due regard to the most efficient use of conference-servicing resources;*

4. *Also invites the Security Council to consider the merits of establishing appropriate guidelines for, inter alia, the format and, to the extent feasible and acceptable, the volume of communications that all States are requested to submit for consideration by the Counter-Terrorism Committee;*

5. *Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-seventh session on the expenditures as well as programmatic impacts incurred in supporting the Counter-Terrorism Committee as a result of the present resolution;*

6. *Decides to consider further requirements necessary for conference and support servicing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee in the context of the first performance report at its fifty-seventh session.*

RESOLUTION 56/289

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/989)¹¹²

56/289. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at

Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/272 of 14 June 2001,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base¹¹³ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹⁴

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;*

2. *Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base;¹¹³*

3. *Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹⁵*

4. *Requests the Secretary-General to consider using national professional officers to the extent possible, and to report on such efforts in the context of his next financial performance report;*

5. *Reiterates the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;*

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

6. *Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;¹¹⁶*

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

7. *Approves the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 14,293,200 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;*

Financing of the cost estimates

8. *Decides to apply the unencumbered balance of 1,562,400 dollars and other income of 643,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;*

¹¹⁰ A/C.5/56/42.

¹¹¹ A/56/7/Add.11. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

¹¹² The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹¹³ A/56/760 and A/56/871.

¹¹⁴ A/56/887 and Add.10.

¹¹⁵ A/56/887/Add.10.

¹¹⁶ A/56/760.

9. *Decides also* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 148,100 dollars shall be set off against the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Decides further* to prorate the balance of 12,087,800 dollars among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;

11. *Decides* to set off against the balance referred to in paragraph 10 above the estimated staff assessment income of 1,077,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, to be prorated among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets;

12. *Decides also* to consider during its fifty-seventh session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

RESOLUTION 56/290

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/989)¹¹⁷

56/290. Progress in the implementation of the field assets control system: a module of the field mission logistics system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Progress in the implementation of the field assets control system: a module of the field mission logistics system"¹¹⁸ and the related paragraphs of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,¹¹⁸ and endorses the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its reports;¹¹⁹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an update on the implementation of the field assets control system to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

¹¹⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

¹¹⁸ A/55/845.

¹¹⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/56/7)*, chap. I, paras. 95–102; and A/56/887, para. 63.

RESOLUTION 56/291

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/989)¹²⁰

56/291. Instances for which the United Nations is entitled to restitution as the result of non-compliance with status-of-forces or other agreements

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on instances for which the United Nations is entitled to restitution as the result of non-compliance with status-of-forces or other agreements¹²¹ and the related paragraphs in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²²

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General;¹²¹

2. *Recalls* its resolution 55/12 of 1 November 2000;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report further to the General Assembly on the issues raised in his report that relate to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

RESOLUTION 56/292

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/989)¹²³

56/292. The concept of strategic deployment stocks and its implementation

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the concept of strategic deployment stocks and its implementation¹²⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²⁵

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take fully into consideration the provisions of its resolution 55/247 of 12 April 2001 on procurement reform in the implementation of the present resolution;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on an annual basis to the General Assembly on the award of contracts

¹²⁰ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

¹²¹ A/56/789.

¹²² A/56/887, paras. 30 and 31.

¹²³ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹²⁴ A/56/870.

¹²⁵ A/56/902.

for procurement for the strategic deployment stocks to all Member States, in particular to developing, least developed and African countries and countries with economies in transition;

3. *Endorses* the concept and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks for one complex mission;

4. *Also endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

5. *Approves* 141,546,000 United States dollars for the strategic deployment stocks, taking into account the reserve at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, as at 30 April 2002 that meets the requirements of the strategic deployment stocks;

6. *Decides*, subject to the provisions contained in paragraph 7 below, to credit Member States with their respective share of the cash balance of 95,978,945 dollars from the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters and 45,567,055 dollars from the United Nations Mission in Haiti to fund the strategic deployment stocks;

7. *Decides also*, on an exceptional and ad hoc basis and without prejudice to Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, unless notified otherwise by a Member State within forty-five days of the issuance of the notification by the Secretary-General of the apportionment of the respective shares of the cash balances in the accounts referred to in paragraph 6 above, to effect the transfer of the cash balances referred to in that paragraph to the account of the United Nations Logistics Base for the purpose of financing the strategic deployment stocks;

8. *Decides further*, on an exceptional and ad hoc basis and without prejudice to Article 17 of the Charter, that a Member State that does not select the option referred to in paragraph 7 above will be assessed its respective share of the 141,546,000 dollars as a one-time requirement according to the levels as at 1 July 2002, as set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of the same date, taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B also of the same date, payment to be made in a manner of the Member State's choosing, to include any combination of the cash balances referred to above and/or new funds, to cover its assessed share of 141,546,000 dollars;

9. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, that in the absence of a direct transfer to the strategic deployment stocks, the respective share of the credits from the liquidated missions will be credited to those Member States once their assessed contribution is received;

10. *Decides also* that the provisions of paragraph 8 above will also apply to Member States that have no share in any of the unencumbered balances referred to in paragraph 6 above;

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, on an exceptional and ad hoc basis, following the application of cash transfers by Member States in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8 above, to transfer a portion of the interest income from the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, so as to make available to the account of the United Nations Logistics Base a total of 141,546,000 dollars, inclusive of contributions from Member States, to establish the strategic deployment stock programme;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the expenses incurred in the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, and decides to review the financing arrangements after consideration of the report of the Secretary-General;

13. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee¹²⁵ pertaining to the scope of the start-up phase of peacekeeping operations that includes the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks stockpile;

14. *Also endorses* the replenishment policy set out in paragraphs 24 to 27 of the report of the Secretary-General;¹²⁴

15. *Further endorses* the interpretation by the Advisory Committee of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, as outlined in paragraphs 22 to 25 of its report;¹²⁵

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly all expenses incurred on the activation of the strategic deployment stocks and to propose a course of action to be taken by the Assembly on the financing of peacekeeping expenses, in the event the Security Council does not approve the mandate to establish a peacekeeping operation that has been initiated under the commitment authority;

17. *Regrets* the delay in the liquidation of closed peacekeeping missions and the reimbursement of the respective shares to the Member States;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the expeditious liquidation of closed peacekeeping missions and the crediting of Member States following the liquidation of such missions and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-seventh session;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it on an annual basis on the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks within the context of his report on the United Nations Logistics Base.

RESOLUTION 56/293

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/989)¹²⁶

56/293. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993 and 56/241 of 24 December 2001, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001¹²⁷ and on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003,¹²⁸ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²⁹

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a Security Council mandate,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General,¹³⁰ notes with appreciation the introduction of the results-based budgeting format to the support account for peacekeeping operations, and requests that further improvements be made in the format, taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 8 to 15 of its report;¹²⁹

2. Reaffirms the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

3. Affirms the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

4. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to develop a coherent policy on gender mainstreaming in all peacekeeping activities of the Organization, to submit, if necessary, a request on this issue in the light of that policy, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

6. Decides to review the proposal for the D-1 post of Chief of the Communication and Information Technology Service, outlined in paragraph 34 of the report of the Secretary-General,¹²⁸ at its fifty-seventh session;

7. Approves the request for two information officer posts at the P-4 level, as outlined in paragraph 71 of the report of the Secretary-General;¹²⁸

8. Requests the Secretary-General to implement fully the formula approved in General Assembly resolution 55/273 of 14 June 2001, with regard to the resident auditor posts, and to present information on the employment of such resident auditors in a consolidated manner in future support account reports;

9. Notes with concern the high level of resources for consultants and travel in the report of the Secretary-General,¹²⁸ especially in view of the large number of new posts proposed, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full and efficient use of "in house" United Nations expertise before projecting resource needs for consultants within the support account submission;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the feasibility of consolidating the accounts of the different peacekeeping operations, while following the current practice of reporting, budgeting and financing of peacekeeping operations, in accordance with the existing Financial Rules and Regulations of the United Nations;

11. Decides to review at its resumed fifty-eighth session the existing posts approved in its resolutions 55/238 of 23 December 2000 and 56/241 and in the present resolution, in order to consider their justification, taking into account the ongoing evaluation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat on its performance in the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

12. Decides also to maintain, for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

13. Reaffirms the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that delegation of authority to the Department of

¹²⁶ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

¹²⁷ A/56/882.

¹²⁸ A/56/885.

¹²⁹ A/56/941.

¹³⁰ A/56/882 and A/56/885.

Peacekeeping Operations and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions and the relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

14. *Takes note* of the status of recruitment of the ninety-one additional posts approved for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in its resolution 56/241, and requests an update at its fifty-seventh session;

15. *Reiterates its concern* over the imbalance in the geographical representation of Member States in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and urges the Secretary-General to take immediate measures to improve the representation of underrepresented and unrepresented Member States in future recruitment;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use in future reports of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations the term "the recommendations of the Advisory Committee that were adopted by the General Assembly" instead of the term currently in use;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide in future reports on the financing of the support account an annex containing information on the status of implementation of relevant adopted recommendations of the Advisory Committee and other oversight bodies;

18. *Reiterates* the need to develop a methodology and monitoring system to evaluate the results of training in peacekeeping and related areas, as recommended in paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹²⁹ and to report thereon to the General Assembly, through the Special Committee on Peacekeeping, at its fifty-seventh session;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

19. *Approves* the additional requirements of 2,136,200 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

20. *Decides* to apply other income of 2,264,000 dollars, from interest income in the amount of 1,699,000 dollars, miscellaneous income in the amount of 24,000 dollars and savings on, or cancellation of, prior period obligations in the amount of 541,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, against this amount;

21. *Approves* an increase of 741,000 dollars in respect of income from staff assessment for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

22. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 100,896,200 dollars gross for the period from 1 July

2002 to 30 June 2003, including six hundred and eighty-seven continuing and fifteen new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

23. *Also approves* an estimate of 13,739,300 dollars in respect of income from staff assessment for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;

Financing of requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations

24. *Decides* that requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The balance of other income for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, 127,800 dollars, over additional requirements for the same period to be applied to the amount of 100,896,200 dollars;

(b) The balance of 100,768,400 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;

25. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the prorated requirements provided for above a prorated amount totalling 14,480,300 dollars, being the estimated staff assessment income for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

RESOLUTION 56/294

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/973)¹³¹

56/294. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force¹³² and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³³

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1425 (2002) of 30 May 2002,

¹³¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

¹³² A/56/813 and A/56/832 and Add.1.

¹³³ A/56/887 and Add.8.

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/264 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the productive and fruitful dialogue with local staff and to report on such dialogue;

2. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.7 million United States dollars, representing some 1.4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Expresses concern at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

6. Expresses concern at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

7. Emphasizes that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. Also emphasizes that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

10. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹³⁴ and the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General,¹³⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

13. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;¹³⁶

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

14. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 40,760,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 38,991,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,579,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and 189,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

15. Decides also to apportion among Member States the amount of 40,760,200 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,396,683 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its

¹³⁴ A/56/887/Add.8.

¹³⁵ A/56/832/Add.1, paras. 11 and 12.

¹³⁶ A/56/813.

resolution 55/5 B of the same date, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

16. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,151,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 95,983 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 919,800 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 215,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 16,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

17. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 575,100 dollars and their respective share of other income of 2,264,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

18. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 575,100 dollars and other income of 2,264,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

19. *Decides further* that the increase in the staff assessment income of 80,200 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in

accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

RESOLUTION 56/295

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/977)¹³⁷

56/295. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo¹³⁸ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³⁹

Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/227 B of 14 June 2001,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 97.3 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern

¹³⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹³⁸ A/56/763 and A/56/802.

¹³⁹ A/56/887 and Add.6.

that only seventy-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁴⁰ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;¹⁴¹

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 344,966,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 330 million dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 13,364,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,601,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 344,966,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 28,747,175 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 24,931,500 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 2,077,625 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 22,968,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 1,819,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 142,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

15. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 66,538,000 dollars and their respective share of other income of 29,041,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

16. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 66,538,000 dollars and other income of 29,041,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

¹⁴⁰ A/56/887/Add.6.

¹⁴¹ A/56/763.

17. *Decides further* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 5,171,500 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

RESOLUTION 56/296

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/715/Add.1)¹⁴²

56/296. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor,¹⁴³ the related note by the Secretary-General¹⁴⁴ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁴⁵

Recalling Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration, the latest of which was resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the Transitional Administration and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/249 of 24 December 2001,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as of 20 May 2002 for an initial period of twelve months,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the trust fund for the multinational force,

Also noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 101 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only twenty-five Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

¹⁴² The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁴³ A/56/890, A/56/922 and A/56/932 and Corr.1.

¹⁴⁴ A/56/947.

¹⁴⁵ A/56/887 and A/56/945. See also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 58th meeting (A/C.5/56/SR.58)*, and corrigendum.

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁴⁶ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

9. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;¹⁴⁷

Final disposition of assets for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

10. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Transitional Administration;¹⁴⁸

11. *Approves* the donation of assets to the Government of East Timor;

Financing for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

12. *Decides* that the expenditure for the period from 21 May to 30 June 2002 for the transitional financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor will be met from the appropriation of 455 million dollars for the

Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 provided for in its resolution 56/249;

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 80,096,775 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002, representing the balance of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 that has not been apportioned (53 million dollars) and the balance of the amount previously apportioned under its resolution 56/249 that was subject to the extension of the mandate of the Transitional Administration (27,096,775 dollars), in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,037,502 dollars for the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002, representing the estimated staff assessment income that has not yet been set off in respect of the amount previously apportioned;

Budget estimates for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

15. *Decides* to continue to use the Special Account established in accordance with resolution 54/246 A for the Transitional Administration for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, beginning on 1 July 2002;

16. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor the amount of 305,242,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 292 million dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the Mission, 11,825,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and 1,416,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

17. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 305,242,700 dollars at a monthly rate of 25,436,891 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002 and 2003, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,150,700

¹⁴⁶ A/56/945. See also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 58th meeting (A/C.5/56/SR.58)*, and corrigendum.

¹⁴⁷ A/56/922.

¹⁴⁸ A/56/890.

dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, at a monthly rate of 845,891 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,414,200 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 1,610,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 126,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

19. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 35,412,100 dollars and their respective share of other income of 29,140,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

20. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 35,412,100 dollars and other income of 29,140,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Decides* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 2,504,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Financing of the United

Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor".

RESOLUTION 56/297

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/980)¹⁴⁹

56/297. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission¹⁵⁰ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵¹

Recalling Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recalling also its resolution 45/260 of 3 May 1991 on the financing of the Observation Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/261 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Expressing its appreciation for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Observation Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 13 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-four Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in

¹⁴⁹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁵⁰ A/56/794 and Corr.1 and A/56/820.

¹⁵¹ A/56/887 and Add.5.

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arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its continued appreciation* of the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observation Mission in full and on time;

6. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Observation Mission;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵² and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observation Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Observation Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;¹⁵³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission the amount of 52,866,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 50,573,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Observation Mission, 2,048,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 245,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation¹⁵⁴

15. *Notes with appreciation* that a two-thirds share of the appropriation, equivalent to 35,244,600 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, this amount to be partially offset by its share of the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of 1,685,900 dollars;

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 17,622,200 dollars at a monthly rate of 1,468,516 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, and subject to review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Observation Mission;

17. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 842,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 70,233 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 742,600 dollars approved for the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 92,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 7,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the

¹⁵³ A/56/794 and Corr.1.

¹⁵⁴ See the note by the Secretary-General, issued under the symbol A/C.5/56/47, regarding paragraphs 15 to 21.

¹⁵² A/56/887/Add.5.

period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

18. *Decides further* that, taking into account the unencumbered balance of 2,636,200 dollars and other income of 3,949,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 878,730 dollars and their respective share of other income of 1,316,330 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

19. *Decides* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 878,730 dollars and other income of 1,316,330 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides also* that, taking into account the decrease in the staff assessment income of 218,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, there shall be set off among Member States the amount of 72,960 dollars against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Decides further* that, taking into account the voluntary contribution of the Government of Kuwait in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, two thirds of the unencumbered balance of 1,757,470 dollars and other income of 2,632,670 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait, these amounts to be partially offset by its share in the decrease in staff assessment income in the amount of 145,940 dollars in the Tax Equalization Fund;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Observation Mission;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observation Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)",

the sub-item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission".

RESOLUTION 56/298

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/990)¹⁵⁵

56/298. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara¹⁵⁶ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵⁷

Recalling Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991 by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1406 (2002) of 30 April 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/262 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 50 million United States dollars, representing some 11 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only nineteen Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

¹⁵⁵ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁵⁶ A/56/818 and A/56/826.

¹⁵⁷ A/56/887 and A/56/946.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵⁸ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;¹⁵⁹

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 43,412,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 41,529,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,681,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 201,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 43,412,900 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,617,742 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,288,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 274,000 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,041,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 229,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 18,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

16. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 3,327,737 dollars and other income of 2,482,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

17. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 3,327,737 dollars and other income of 2,482,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their

¹⁵⁸ A/56/946.

¹⁵⁹ A/56/818.

outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Decides further* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 465,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above;

19. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

RESOLUTION 56/299

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/981)¹⁶⁰

56/299. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force¹⁶¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁶²

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1186 (1998) of 21 July 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 28 February 1999,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/275 of 15 June 2000,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.2 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and thirty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

¹⁶⁰ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁶¹ A/56/842.

¹⁶² A/56/887.

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraph 82 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁶²

8. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation provided for in its resolution 53/20 B of 8 June 1999 of 183,730 dollars for the liquidation of the Force in respect of the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999 to the amount of 172,000 dollars;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 172,000 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, and as adjusted by the General Assembly in subsequent resolutions and decisions for the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999 in respect of the period 1998–2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999 as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 96,000 dollars approved for the liquidation of the Force in respect of the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999;

11. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the amount of 172,000 dollars from the unencumbered balance of 7,059,600 dollars;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the amount of 172,000 dollars from the unencumbered balance of 7,059,600 dollars shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Decides further* that staff assessment income in the amount of 96,000 dollars from the total staff assessment income of 174,100 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 11 and 12 above;

14. *Decides* that 18,237,935 dollars shall be credited to Member States;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an updated report on the financial position of the Force in one year;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".

RESOLUTION 56/500

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/978)¹⁶³

56/500. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters¹⁶⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁶⁵

Recalling Security Council resolutions 727 (1992) of 8 January 1992 and 740 (1992) of 7 February 1992, in which the Council endorsed the sending of a group of military liaison officers to Yugoslavia to promote maintenance of the ceasefire,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 743 (1992) of 21 February 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Protection Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended and expanded its mandate,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 981 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, to be known as UNCRO,

Recalling Security Council resolution 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1025 (1995) of 30 November 1995, in which the Council decided to terminate

¹⁶³ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁶⁴ A/56/852.

¹⁶⁵ A/56/887.

the mandate of the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia on 15 January 1996,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1031 (1995) of 15 December 1995, in which the Council decided to terminate the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force on the date on which the Secretary-General reported that the transfer of authority from the United Nations Protection Force to the Implementation Force had taken place,

Recalling the letter dated 1 February 1996 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General¹⁶⁶ informing him of the Council's concurrence in principle that the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force should become an independent mission,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/265 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming that the costs of the combined Forces are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the combined Forces, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the combined Forces by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the combined Forces with the necessary financial resources to enable them to meet their outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the combined Forces as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 204 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and

four Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraph 82 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁶⁵

8. *Decides* to credit Member States the amount of 95,978,945 dollars subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 on the strategic deployment stocks;

9. *Decides also* that the remaining cash balance of 39,286,278 dollars shall also be credited to Member States;

10. *Decides further* to suspend for the immediate future the provisions of regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.2 (d) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations in respect of the remaining surplus of 61,215,804 dollars in order to allow for reimbursements to troop contributors and in the light of the cash shortage of the combined Forces, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an updated report in one year;

11. *Decides* to defer consideration of the treatment of the increase in staff assessment income of 776,343 dollars in respect of the surplus referred to in paragraph 10 above;

12. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters".

¹⁶⁶ S/1996/76.

RESOLUTION 56/501

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/974)¹⁶⁷

56/501. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II¹⁶⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁶⁹

Recalling Security Council resolutions 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Somalia, and 814 (1993) of 26 March 1993, by which the Council expanded the size of the Operation and authorized the mandate for the expanded Operation (United Nations Operation in Somalia II), and the subsequent resolutions of the Council that extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 954 (1994) of 4 November 1994, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 31 March 1995,

Recalling also its resolution 47/41 A of 1 December 1992 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 53/477 of 8 June 1999,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Operation, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 60.8 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and forty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁶⁹

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to retain an amount of 19,616,000 dollars from the balance of appropriations of 40,940,700 dollars to meet the cost of outstanding Government claims;

9. *Decides* to suspend for the immediate future the provisions of regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.2 (d) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations in respect of the remaining surplus of 21,324,700 dollars in order to allow for the reimbursement of troop contributors and in the light of the cash shortage of the Operation, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an updated report in one year;

10. *Decides also* to defer consideration of the treatment of the increase in staff assessment income of 950,300 dollars in respect of the surplus referred to in paragraph 9 above;

¹⁶⁷ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁶⁸ A/56/915.

¹⁶⁹ A/56/949.

11. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to settle expeditiously the claims pending to troop-contributing countries, particularly claims towards write-offs;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II".

RESOLUTION 56/502

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/982)¹⁷⁰

56/502. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus¹⁷¹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁷²

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1416 (2002) of 13 June 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force for the period beginning 16 June 1993 and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/266 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for

voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,¹⁷³

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁷⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

¹⁷⁰ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁷¹ A/56/782 and A/56/838.

¹⁷² A/56/887 and Add.4.

¹⁷³ S/1994/647.

¹⁷⁴ A/56/887/Add.4.

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;¹⁷⁵

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 45,632,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 43,652,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,767,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 211,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation¹⁷⁶

14. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of this amount, equivalent to 15,210,800 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece, these amounts to be partially offset by their respective shares of the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of 631,900 dollars for the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 270,100 dollars for the Government of Greece;

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 23,921,600 dollars at a monthly rate of 1,993,466 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

16. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the

Tax Equalization Fund of 993,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 82,816 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 857,700 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 126,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 9,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

17. *Decides further* that, taking into account the unencumbered balance of 1,061,700 dollars and other income of 1,680,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance in the amount of 548,870 dollars and their respective share of other income in the amount of 868,510 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

18. *Decides* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 548,870 dollars and other income of 868,510 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Decides also* that, taking into account the decrease in the staff assessment income of 103,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, there shall be set off among Member States the amount of 53,410 dollars against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Decides further*, taking into account its voluntary contribution in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, that one third of the unencumbered balance in the amount of 353,900 dollars and other income in the amount of 560,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus, these amounts to be partially offset by its share in the decrease in the staff assessment income in the amount of 34,430 dollars in the Tax Equalization Fund;

21. *Decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, that the prorated share of the unencumbered balance in the amount of 158,930 dollars and other income in the amount

¹⁷⁵ A/56/782.

¹⁷⁶ See the note by the Secretary-General, issued under the symbol A/C.5/56/48, regarding paragraphs 14 to 21.

of 251,490 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be returned to the Government of Greece, these amounts to be partially offset by its share in the decrease in the staff assessment income in the amount of 15,460 dollars in the Tax Equalization Fund;

22. *Decides* also to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Notes with appreciation* that the objectives in the report of the Secretary-General¹⁷⁷ have been described in simple, concise terms and the outputs are described in relation to expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

RESOLUTION 56/503

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/976)¹⁷⁸

56/503. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia¹⁷⁹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁸⁰

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1393 (2002) of 31 January 2002,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/267 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 11.3 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only twenty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

¹⁷⁷ A/56/838.

¹⁷⁸ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁷⁹ A/56/721 and Corr.1 and A/56/815.

¹⁸⁰ A/56/887 and Add.1.

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Observer Mission;

7. *Endorses the conclusions and recommendations* contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁸¹ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action* to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, with particular regard to air transport;

9. *Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;*

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

10. *Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;*¹⁸²

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

11. *Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 33,143,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 31,705,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Observer Mission, 1,284,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 153,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;*

Financing of the appropriation

12. *Decides also to apportion among Member States the amount of 33,143,700 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,761,975 dollars in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date;*

13. *Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,966,700 dollars*

approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 163,891 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,778,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 174,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 13,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

14. *Decides that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 4,047,197 dollars and their respective share of other income of 1,719,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;*

15. *Decides also that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 4,047,197 dollars and other income of 1,719,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;*

16. *Decides further that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 498 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above;*

17. *Emphasizes that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;*

18. *Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Observer Mission;*

19. *Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;*

20. *Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".*

¹⁸¹ A/56/887/Add.1.

¹⁸² A/56/721 and Corr.1.

IV. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

RESOLUTION 56/504

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/987)¹⁸³

56/504. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti¹⁸⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁸⁵

Recalling Security Council resolution 1048 (1996) of 29 February 1996, in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of four months, to 30 June 1996, as well as all previous resolutions of the Council on the Mission,

Recalling also its decision 48/477 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 53/477 of 8 June 1999,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 1.9 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and forty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraph 82 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁸⁵

8. *Decides* to credit Member States the amount of 45,567,055 dollars, subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 on the strategic deployment stocks;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an updated report in one year;

10. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti".

¹⁸³ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁸⁴ A/56/851.

¹⁸⁵ A/56/887.

RESOLUTION 56/505

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/979)¹⁸⁶

56/505. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina¹⁸⁷ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁸⁸

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1357 (2001) of 21 June 2001,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1387 (2002) of 15 January 2002, in which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue to monitor the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula until 15 July 2002,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/268 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 61 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in

particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁸⁹ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;¹⁹⁰

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

11. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina the

¹⁸⁶ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁸⁷ A/56/698 and A/56/773.

¹⁸⁸ A/56/887 and Add.2.

¹⁸⁹ A/56/887/Add.2.

¹⁹⁰ A/56/698.

amount of 82,106,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, inclusive of 78,543,900 dollars for the maintenance and liquidation of the Mission, 3,181,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 381,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

12. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 82,106,000 dollars at a monthly rate of 6,842,167 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 6,321,900 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 526,825 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 5,854,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 433,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 34,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

14. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 12,488,667 dollars and their respective share of other income of 5,580,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

15. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 12,488,667 dollars and other income of 5,580,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

16. *Decides further* that the increase in the staff assessment income of 888,834 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance in respect of the

financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above;

17. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

19. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

RESOLUTION 56/506

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/991)¹⁹¹

56/506. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group¹⁹² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁹³

Recalling Security Council resolution 1037 (1996) of 15 January 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium for an initial period of twelve months, and resolution 1145 (1997) of 19 December 1997, in which the Council noted the termination of the Transitional Administration on 15 January 1998 and established, with effect from 16 January 1998, the Civilian Police Support Group for a single period of up to nine months,

¹⁹¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁹² A/56/844.

¹⁹³ A/56/887.

IV. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Transitional Administration and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/274 of 15 June 2000,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Transitional Administration and the Support Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Transitional Administration and the Support Group, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Transitional Administration by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Administration and the Support Group with the necessary financial resources to enable them to meet their outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 25.4 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and forty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;*

2. *Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;*

3. *Expresses concern at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;*

4. *Also expresses concern at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;*

5. *Emphasizes that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;*

6. *Also emphasizes that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;*

7. *Endorses the recommendations contained in paragraph 82 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁹³*

8. *Decides that 35,805,865 dollars shall be credited to Member States;*

9. *Requests the Secretary-General to provide an updated report on the financial position of the Transitional Administration and the Support Group in one year;*

10. *Emphasizes that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;*

11. *Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group".*

RESOLUTION 56/507

Adopted at the 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/56/986)¹⁹⁴

56/507. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti¹⁹⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁹⁶

Recalling Security Council resolution 1063 (1996) of 28 June 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, and resolution 1086 (1996) of

¹⁹⁴ The draft resolution recommended in the report was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

¹⁹⁵ A/56/841.

¹⁹⁶ A/56/887.

5 December 1996, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 1997,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1123 (1997) of 30 July 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti for a single four-month period,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti, and resolution 1277 (1999) of 30 November 1999, by which the Council continued the Mission until 15 March 2000,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 51/15 A of 4 November 1996 on the financing of the Support Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/269 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Missions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Missions, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Missions by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Missions with the necessary financial resources to enable them to meet their outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 19.8 million United States dollars, representing some 17 per cent of the total

assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and thirty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraph 82 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁹⁶

8. *Decides* to suspend for the immediate future the provisions of regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.2 (d) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations in respect of the surplus of 4,000,200 dollars in the light of the cash shortage of the Missions, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an updated report in one year;

9. *Decides also* to defer consideration of the treatment of the decrease in staff assessment income of 21,300 dollars in respect of the surplus referred to in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti".

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

56/314. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

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At its 99th plenary meeting, on 22 May 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,² appointed Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 22 May 2002 and ending on 31 December 2003, as a result of the resignation of Mr. Kazuo Watanabe.

C

At its 100th plenary meeting, on 6 June 2002, the General Assembly appointed Mr. Michel Tilemans as a member of the Committee on Contributions for the unexpired portion of a term of office, beginning on 6 June 2002 and ending on 31 December 2002, as a result of the death of Mr. Angel Marrón.³

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*),** Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (*Romania*),** Mr. Henry S. FOX (*Australia*),*** Mr. Chinmaya GHAREKHAN (*India*),** Mr. Bernardo GRIEVER (*Uruguay*),*** Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR NETTO (*Brazil*),* Mr. Hassan Mohammed HASSAN (*Nigeria*),*** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),** Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),*** Mr. Omar KADIRI (*Morocco*),*** Mr. Gebhard Benjamin KANDANGA (*Namibia*),** Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),** Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Hae-yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*),* Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (*Portugal*),*** Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),* Mr. Michel TILEMANS (*Belgium*),* and Mr. WU Gang (*China*).*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

56/319. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its 98th plenary meeting, on 1 May 2002, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, and on the recommendation of the President,⁴ appointed Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (*Cuba*), Mr. Tang Guangting (*China*), Mr. Victor Vislykh (*Russian Federation*), Ms. Deborah Wynes (*United States of America*) and Mr. Muhammad Yussuf (*United Republic of Tanzania*) as members of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003 and expiring on 31 December 2007.

As a result, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed as follows: Ms. Doris BERTRAND-MUCK (*Austria*),*** Mr. Armando DUQUE GONZÁLEZ (*Colombia*),* Mr. Even Francisco FONTAINE ORTIZ (*Cuba*),**** Mr. Ion GORITA (*Romania*),*** Mr. Sumihiro KUYAMA (*Japan*),** Mr. Wolfgang MÜNCH (*Germany*),*** Mr. Louis-Dominique OUEDRAOGO (*Burkina Faso*),*** Mr. TANG Guangting (*China*),**** Mr. Victor VISLYKH (*Russian Federation*),**** Ms. Deborah

¹ Consequently, decision 56/314, in Section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/56/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 56/314 A.

² A/56/626/Add.1.

³ See A/56/102/Add.3.

⁴ A/56/110.

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WYNES (*United States of America*)**** and Mr. Muhammad YUSSUF (*United Republic of Tanzania*).****

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

**** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

56/320. Election of the President of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session⁵

At its 106th plenary meeting, on 8 July 2002, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly,⁶ elected Mr. Jan KAVAN (Czech Republic) as President of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

56/321. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session⁵

On 17 July 2002, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings in accordance with rules 99 (a)⁷ and 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 108th plenary meeting, on 17 July 2002, the Acting President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected as Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session:

<i>First Committee:</i>	Mr. Matia Muhumba SEMAKULA KIWANUKA (Uganda)
<i>Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):</i>	Mr. Graham MAITLAND (South Africa)
<i>Second Committee:</i>	Mr. Marco Antonio SUAZO FERNANDEZ (Honduras)
<i>Third Committee:</i>	Mr. Christian WENAWESER (Liechtenstein)
<i>Fifth Committee:</i>	Mr. Murari Raj SHARMA (Nepal)
<i>Sixth Committee:</i>	Mr. Arpad PRANDLER (Hungary)

56/322. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session⁵

At its 108th plenary meeting, on 17 July 2002, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly⁶ and paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected the representatives of the following twenty-one Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session: AUSTRIA, BAHRAIN, BARBADOS, CHAD, CHINA, ECUADOR, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GAMBIA, INDONESIA, KAZAKHSTAN, MEXICO, PORTUGAL, QATAR, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SWAZILAND,

⁵ In accordance with rule 26 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

⁶ Rule 30 was amended by resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002.

⁷ Rule 99 (a) was amended by resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002.

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TOGO, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VIET NAM.

56/323. Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 109th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2002, the General Assembly approved the appointment by the Secretary-General⁸ of Mr. Sergio VIEIRA DE MELLO (Brazil) as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for a four-year term of office, beginning on 12 September 2002 and ending on 11 September 2006.

56/324. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

At its 109th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2002, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,⁹ elected Ms. Anna Kajumulo TIBAUUKA (United Republic of Tanzania) as Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for a four-year term of office, beginning on 1 September 2002 and ending on 31 August 2006.

⁸ A/56/109.

⁹ A/56/111.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

56/400. Organization of the fifty-sixth session

B¹⁰

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 17 June 2002, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to hold another plenary meeting on Tuesday morning, 18 June 2002, in addition to the three plenary meetings for the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development originally decided upon by the Assembly in its resolution 56/258 of 31 January 2002.

At its 106th plenary meeting, on 8 July 2002, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to reconvene the Main Committees during the fifty-sixth session to elect the officers of the Main Committees for the fifty-seventh session, in accordance with rule 99 (a) of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.⁷

56/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

B¹¹

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 31 January 2002, the General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 110, entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice", directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously two draft resolutions recommended by the Economic and Social Council.¹²

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 11 March 2002, the General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 107, entitled "High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development", directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously a draft decision.¹³

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 35, entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or

restored democracies", in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution.¹⁴

At its 99th plenary meeting, on 22 May 2002, the General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (a) of agenda item 98, entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21", directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution.¹⁵

At its 100th plenary meeting, on 6 June 2002, the General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions", directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously a note by the Secretary-General.³

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 108, entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family", in order to consider expeditiously a request by the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations.¹⁶

At its 109th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2002, the General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 102, entitled "Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic", directly in plenary meeting in order to elect the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.⁹

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 119, entitled "Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms", directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously a draft resolution and a draft decision.¹⁷

At its 110th plenary meeting, on 15 August 2002, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (j) of agenda item 21, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity", in order to consider expeditiously a note by the Secretary-General.¹⁸

¹⁰ Consequently, decision 56/400, in section B of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/56/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 56/400 A.

¹¹ Consequently, decision 56/402, in section B of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/56/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 56/402 A.

¹² A/56/L.67 and A/56/L.70.

¹³ A/56/L.74. Subsequently, at the same meeting, the draft decision was withdrawn by the sponsor.

¹⁴ A/56/L.75 and Add.1.

¹⁵ A/56/L.78.

¹⁶ See A/56/985.

¹⁷ A/56/L.82 and Add.1 and A/56/L.83 and Add.1.

¹⁸ A/56/1024.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to change the title of the sub-item¹⁹ from "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity" to "Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union".²⁰

56/465. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 31 January 2002, the General Assembly took note of the solemn appeal made by the President of the Assembly on 25 January 2002 in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce.²¹

56/467. Special session of the General Assembly on children: replacement of one of the two co-chairpersons of round table 3

At its 98th plenary meeting, on 1 May 2002, the General Assembly decided that the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Nepal would replace the President of the Republic of Korea as the sixth co-chairperson and as one of the two co-chairpersons of round table 3 of the special session of the General Assembly on children.

56/468. General debate of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly

At its 98th plenary meeting, on 1 May 2002, the General Assembly decided to hold an eight-day general debate at its fifty-seventh session, from Thursday, 12 September, to Sunday, 15 September, and from Tuesday, 17 September, to Friday, 20 September 2002, with the plenary meetings during the general debate lasting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a voluntary time limit of up to 15 minutes for each statement, on the understanding that these arrangements should in no way create a precedent for the general debate at the fifty-eighth or other future sessions.²²

56/469. Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development: presentation of the summary of informal panels

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 17 June 2002, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided that at the concluding plenary meeting of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development, to be held on Tuesday afternoon,

18 June 2002, the chairmen of the two informal panels would present a summary of the discussions held in their respective panels.

56/473. Plenary meetings devoted to the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, the General Assembly decided to hold the two plenary meetings devoted to the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up on Tuesday, 26 November 2002, instead of on 5 December 2002 as originally decided in its resolution 56/38 of 5 December 2001.¹⁶

56/474. Participation of persons with disabilities in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

At its 109th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2002, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to make, as needed and within existing resources, reasonable efforts to facilitate the participation of persons with disabilities in the meetings and deliberations of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities. Such efforts could include but were not limited to:

(a) The facilitation of entry into United Nations premises by individuals serving as guides, personal assistants or interpreters for persons with disabilities;

(b) The holding of meetings in those United Nations conference rooms that were better equipped to facilitate the participation of persons with mobility-related and other physical disabilities;

(c) The adoption of a practice whereby documents distributed in the course of one meeting or shortly in advance of a meeting would not be discussed before the next scheduled meeting, thereby affording persons with visual disabilities sufficient time to convert those documents into a format readable by them;

(d) The adoption, to the extent necessary and possible, of measures to enable persons with hearing disabilities to participate in the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Committee.²³

56/475. Succession by the African Union to observer status in the General Assembly

At its 110th plenary meeting, on 15 August 2002, the General Assembly, having considered the note by the Secretary-General,¹⁸ decided that the African Union would assume the

¹⁹ The change of the title of the sub-item takes effect as of the fifty-seventh session.

²⁰ See also decision 56/475.

²¹ A/56/795.

²² A/56/L.77.

²³ A/56/L.83.

rights and responsibilities of the Organization of African Unity as an observer invited in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 (XX) and the cooperation agreement between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.²⁴

56/476. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

At its 110th plenary meeting, on 15 August 2002, the General Assembly, at the request of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,²⁵ decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

56/477. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly, recalling its previous relevant resolutions and decisions, and having considered the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council,²⁶ established pursuant to its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993, and mindful of the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted by heads of State and Government on 8 September 2000,²⁷ in which they resolved, *inter alia*, to intensify their efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all its aspects:

(a) Took note of the report of the Working Group on its work during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

(b) Welcomed the progress so far achieved in the consideration of the issues dealing with the working methods of the Security Council, as provisional agreement has been recorded on a large number of issues, but, noting that substantial differences of view remain on other issues, urged the Working Group to continue exerting efforts during the fifty-seventh session to achieve progress in the consideration of all aspects of the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council;

(c) Decided that the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council should be considered during the fifty-seventh session of the General

Assembly, and further decided that the Working Group should continue its work, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-eighth to fifty-sixth sessions, as well as the views to be expressed during the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly, and submit a report to the Assembly before the end of the fifty-seventh session, including any agreed recommendations.

56/478. Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula".²⁸

56/479. Strengthening of the United Nations system

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system".

56/480. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly".

56/481. Question of Cyprus

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Question of Cyprus".

56/482. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Improving the financial situation of the United Nations".

56/483. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor".

²⁴ See also decision 56/402 B.

²⁵ A/56/1020.

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/56/47)*.

²⁷ See resolution 55/2.

²⁸ A/56/1029.

56/484. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".

56/485. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia".

56/486. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique".

56/487. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia".

56/488. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda".

56/489. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

At its 111th plenary meeting, on 6 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic".

2. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee

56/466. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,²⁹ took note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the work of its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions.³⁰

²⁹ A/56/581, para. 29.

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 18* and corrigendum (A/56/18 and Corr.1).

3. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

56/458. Action taken on certain items

B³¹

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 27 March 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,³² decided:

(a) To defer until the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session consideration of the following agenda items and related questions:

Items 121 and 126

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;
Human resources management:

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities;³³

Item 122

Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001:

Treatment of perennial activities;³⁴

Item 123

Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003:

Conditions of service for judges of the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia;³⁵

Item 126

Human resources management;

Item 130

*Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;*³⁶

Item 169

*Administration of justice at the United Nations;*³⁷

(b) To defer until the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session consideration of the reports submitted under

agenda item 126 entitled "Human resources management", including consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on a monitoring capacity in the Office of Human Resources Management of all relevant activities in the Secretariat, regardless of the source of funding, requested in section VII, paragraph 10, of its resolution 55/258;

(c) To defer until its fifty-seventh session consideration of the following reports submitted under the item entitled "Human resources management":

Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat;³⁹

Report of the Secretary-General on the mandatory age of separation and related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴⁰

Report of the Secretary-General on the placement of staff members serving in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.⁴¹

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At its 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁴² decided:

(a) To defer until its fifty-seventh session consideration of the following agenda items and related questions:

Items 121 and 126

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;
Human resources management:

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities;³³

(b) To defer until its fifty-seventh session consideration of the reports submitted under the following agenda items:

Item 123

Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003:

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete proposals on strengthening the Department of Public Information to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all

³¹ Consequently, decision 56/458, in section B.6 of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/56/49)*, vol. II, becomes decision 56/458 A.

³² A/56/734/Add.1, para. 11.

³³ A/56/839.

³⁴ A/C.5/52/42; and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/53/7 and Add.1–15)*, document A/53/7/Add.9.

³⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/56/7/Add.1–11)*, document A/56/7/Add.2; and A/C.5/56/14.

³⁶ A/55/826 and Corr.1; *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth session, Supplement No. 7 (A/56/7)*, para. 126; A/56/83, A/56/620, A/56/689, A/56/733, A/56/759; and A/56/823.

³⁷ A/56/800.

³⁸ A/55/451; *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/56/7)*, paras.130–135; A/56/227, A/56/834; and A/C.5/56/3 and A/C.5/56/L.7.

³⁹ A/56/512 and Corr.1.

⁴⁰ A/56/701, A/56/846; and A/C.5/56/CRP.1 and Add.1.

⁴¹ A/56/816.

⁴² A/56/734/Add.2, para. 5.

official languages (sect. 26 of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003);

Report of the Secretary-General on expenditures, grants and contributions (sect. 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003);

Item 124

Pattern of conferences:

Report of the Secretary-General on improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of recruitment for the Interpretation Section at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;⁴³

Report of the Secretary-General on the simultaneous availability of parliamentary documentation in the six official languages on the United Nations web site;⁴⁴

Item 126

Human resources management:

Report of the Secretary-General on the list of staff of the United Nations Secretariat;⁴⁵

Report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Rules;⁴⁶

Note by the Secretariat on the streamlining of rules;⁴⁷

Report of the Secretary-General on the employment of retirees;⁴⁸

Report of the Secretary-General on consultants and individual contractors;⁴⁹

Report of the Secretary-General on a monitoring capacity in the Office for Human Resources Management of all relevant activities in the Secretariat, regardless of the source of funding;

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the issue of possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement;⁵⁰

Item 130

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services:

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes, updated version;⁵¹

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes, updated views;⁵²

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention;⁵³

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of misconduct and mismanagement of the "boat project" at the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention;⁵⁴

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the administrative and management practices of the United Nations Office at Nairobi;⁵⁵

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of refugee smuggling at the Nairobi Branch Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;⁵⁶

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees private sector fund-raising activities;⁵⁷

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the update of oversight activities concerning the oil-for-food programme and the United Nations Compensation Commission;⁵⁸

⁴³ A/56/901.

⁴⁴ A/C.5/56/37.

⁴⁵ A/C.5/56/L.7.

⁴⁶ A/56/227.

⁴⁷ A/C.5/56/3.

⁴⁸ A/55/451.

⁴⁹ A/56/834.

⁵⁰ A/56/956.

⁵¹ A/55/826 and Corr.1.

⁵² A/56/823.

⁵³ A/56/83.

⁵⁴ A/56/689.

⁵⁵ A/56/620.

⁵⁶ A/56/733.

⁵⁷ A/56/759.

⁵⁸ A/56/903.

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Report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice at the United Nations.³⁷

56/470. Write-off of contingent-owned equipment at liquidated missions

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁶⁸ requested the Secretary-General to continue intensifying his efforts so as to finalize the write-off claims in liquidated missions by December 2002 and to submit a final report to the Assembly at its resumed fifty-seventh session.

56/471. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁶⁸ decided to request the Secretary-General to suggest measures that would better streamline the policy guidelines related to the temporary duty assignment of staff in peacekeeping missions and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

56/472. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 27 June 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:⁶⁹

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of assets of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola⁷⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁷¹

(b) Approved the donation of assets, with total inventory value of 235,800 United States dollars and corresponding residual value of 81,700 dollars, to various United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations, as detailed in annex IV to the report of the Secretary-General.⁷⁰

⁵⁹ A/56/732.

⁶⁰ A/56/863.

⁶¹ A/56/202.

⁶² A/56/648.

⁶³ A/56/896.

⁶⁴ A/55/697.

⁶⁵ A/C.5/56/44.

⁶⁶ A/56/939.

⁶⁷ A/C.5/56/41.

⁶⁸ A/56/989, para. 19.

⁶⁹ A/56/988, para. 6.

⁷⁰ A/56/900.

⁷¹ A/56/948.

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The following items, which had been allocated to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees, were considered also directly in plenary meeting during the fifty-sixth session:¹

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¹ See A/56/252/Add.4/Rev.1; see also decision 56/402 B in section V.B of the present volume.

² Allocated also to the Fifth Committee.

³ Allocated also to the Second Committee.

⁴ Allocated also to the Third Committee.

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